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Part of North Down to be fixed this year

► City, Road
Commission to
combine forces on
2001 road project

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

A few weeks ago, in preparation for the regional Task Force funding meeting, the Crawford County Road Commission and the City of Grayling developed a plan to pool resources and move a portion of North Down River Road up in the Road Commission's reconstruction schedule.

The plan worked. At the Task Force meeting, held last Tuesday, the Road Commission was able to secure \$569,000 in funding for the North Down project, which would result in resurfacing from the North I-75 Business Loop to the I-75 overpass and construction of sidewalks and curb on the south side of the road this year.

"We got everything we wanted," said Road Commission Managing Director Don Babcock. "It worked out really well."

The city has been planning to have sidewalks installed along the city's side (the south side) of North Down River Road as part of its annual sidewalk program. Prior to the Task Force meeting, City Manager Allen Lowe approached the Road Commission with the idea of having the city pay the Road Commission to build the sidewalks while the portion of North Down is reconstructed, effectively decreasing the amount of money the Road

Commission would have to put forth to cover the matching funds required for projects coordinated through the Task Force.

With a unanimous vote on Monday, February 12, the Grayling City Council approved \$86,700 of the city's income tax fund, which is specifically designated for road improvements, to have the Road Commission install curb and sidewalks on North Down River Road from the North I-75 Business Loop to Michigan Avenue.

"It's a win, win, win situation," said City Manager Lowe. "It's good for the city, good for the Road Commission, and good for the people."

The Road Commission, city, and Transportation Authority are all eligible for receipt of Task Force funds. Lowe said the city was unsure of what city roads, if any, would qualify for Task Force money, and that the city just wanted a "say" in what road projects are considered. The Transportation Authority is scheduled to receive \$5,000 in 2001 and 2002, and \$10,000 in 2003, 2004, and 2005.

Tom Perry, Chairman of the Road Commission Board, said the Transportation Authority has been very helpful to the Road Commission by only requesting a few thousand dollars each year through the Task Force, which frees up more cash for road projects in the county.

The Road Commission's five-year plan with the Task Force, which could be revised, lists 7.6

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JUNIOR MISS 2001

Contestants hoping for a little luck of the Irish

► Nine Grayling
High School
juniors to compete
St. Patrick's Day

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Continuing in the tradition of recognizing the achievements of local high school juniors, the Grayling chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) will present the 2001 Grayling Junior Miss competition on Saturday, March 17 at Grayling High School. That evening, reigning 2000 Grayling Junior Miss, Monique Fagan, will help crown a new representative after an evening of song, dance and talent.

This year's contestants are Lori Hinkle, Michelle Gildner, Bitsy Hellebuyck, Sasha Latuszek, Ann Hughes, Nicole Larm, Penny Rosin, Ashley Wolcott and Tiffany Pizzi. These young ladies are all in their junior year at Grayling High School.

"Nine intelligent, wholesome, enthusiastic young ladies will compete in this 'Irish Extravaganza,'" said Junior Miss Director Sandra Moore. "Junior Miss continues the tradition to recognize, reward and encourage excellence among young people by focusing attention on the achievements of outstanding young women. The program stresses aca-



Photo courtesy of Corrine Pillaro

Contestants in the 2001 Grayling Junior Miss competition are Lori Hinkle, Michelle Gildner, Bitsy Hellebuyck, Sasha Latuszek, Ann Hughes, Nicole Larm, Penny Rosin, Ashley Wolcott, and Tiffany Pizzi. The competition is scheduled for March 17.

demic excellence and a well-rounded personality."

Traditionally, the competition was held in conjunction with the annual winter activities here in Grayling. This year, because of

scheduling conflicts with students and other community activities, the ABWA opted to select a later date when most activities, including sports, are winding down.

The Grayling Junior Miss

Program will be held on Saturday, March 17 at 7 p.m. in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium. Tickets for the program will go on sale at Riverland Gear in Grayling on March 1. Reserved seating is \$10.

Snowmobile mishaps keep emergency personnel busy

► Four accidents
reported in a span
of one weekend in
Crawford County

Snowmobiles kept emergency service personnel in Crawford County busy this past weekend. According to the Crawford County Sheriff's Office, law enforcement and ambulance personnel responded to a total of four accidents, three of which resulted in injuries.

The first accident was called in by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on Friday, February 16 at about 11 a.m. This accident, which involved a snowmobile hitting a tree, occurred on the trail system in Lovells Township near County Road 612 and Jackpine Plains Trail.

Assisting at the scene were personnel from the Michigan State Police (MSP75) Lovells Township Fire Department, Frederic Township Fire Department and Mobile Medical Response (MMR). The driver of snowmobile was taken to Mercy Hospital in Grayling for treatment.

The second accident took place on Saturday, February 17 at about 1 p.m. in Beaver Creek Township on a snowmobile trail north of Fletcher

Road, west of Old US 27. Two snowmobiles were involved in the mishap, fortunately no one was injured.

Units from the Crawford County Sheriff Department and the DNR responded to the scene.

A third accident happened on Sunday, February 18 at approximately 10:25 a.m. in South Branch Township near M-18 and Forester Road.

The collision involved a snowmobile and a pick-up truck. The person operating the snowmobile was transported to Mercy Hospital in Grayling, then airlifted to Munson Medical Center in Traverse City, where he was listed in critical condition.

This accident remains under investigation. Responding units included the Crawford County Sheriff Department, MSP75, South Branch Fire Department, MMR and North Flight.

Accident number four also occurred on Sunday, just a little over an hour later at 11:37 a.m. Sheriff's Deputies and personnel from the DNR and MMR responded to the accident scene on Lewiston Grade Road in Grayling Township. The accident involved a single snowmobile resulting in one injury. The injured party was taken to Mercy Hospital in Grayling.

SKIERS COMPETE IN LEAGUE MATCH-UP AT HANSON HILLS



Photo by Caleb Casey

Paul Jansen competes in the giant slalom event last Monday at Hanson Hills, racing against the times of league rivals Mt. Pleasant and Harrison. Jansen finished in second place against both teams in GS. For more, see Page 1B.

Fate of state veterans' cemetery still up in the air

by Lesa Ingraham
Capital News Service

LANSING -- Crawford County may see a state veterans' cemetery within the next five years if a new legislative step succeeds.

Bills to establish the cemetery have failed in the past, but a Gaylord representative is trying again with the hope of federal financial support from the National Guard training center at Camp Grayling.

"We have requested to reintroduce the bill, now we need to get some of the details worked out," said Rep. Ken Bradstreet, R-Gaylord. "With the cost of maintenance down the road it will be better if Camp Grayling is willing to help out."

If the Legislature approves the cemetery, the federal government will build the cemetery and once it is completed, turn it over to the state to maintain it.

Maintenance costs are estimated at \$300,000 a year, according to Brian Mills, Bradstreet's chief of staff.

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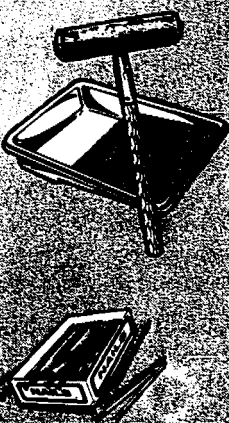
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Crawford, others no longer 'high risk' for bovine TB

► Deer feeding and baiting ban remains in effect for now

State Rep. Dale Sheltown (D-West Branch) announced last Wednesday that the Michigan Department of Agriculture has agreed with his proposal to limit the high risk tuberculosis area to a four-county area, part of what is known as Deer Management Unit (DMU) 452.

"I am very pleased that the high risk area will now not include the counties without any positively diagnosed cattle," said Representative Sheltown. "The negative effects of the quarantine will no longer be felt by these counties."

The changes made to the Animal Industries Act last year gave the Michigan Department of

Agriculture the power to deem areas "high risk" for tuberculosis, restricting this to areas where test results had shown TB in cattle. The department's original proposal was to name the entire 11-county corridor north of M-55 and east of I-75 "high risk."

Rep. Sheltown quickly saw the department's oversight; that Isosco, Ogemaw, Roscommon, Crawford, Oscoda, Otsego, and Cheboygan Counties should not be included in the high risk area. "To include those counties in the high risk area would be unjustifiable," Sheltown explained.

After giving testimony at three monthly meetings of the Commission on Agriculture, plus testimony from northern Michigan farmers, Sheltown and his staff met with officials from the Department of Agriculture last week to discuss the necessary

changes to the Department's proposal.

"All efforts should be made to eliminate the discrimination to the livestock industry in northeast Michigan," Sheltown noted.

The result of his efforts was the Department of Agriculture's agreement with a proposal that only includes Alpena, Alpena, Montmorency and Presque Isle Counties, a part of DMU 452, in the tuberculosis high risk area.

Sheltown added, "I understand the importance of eradicating tuberculosis from Michigan. I have been, and continue to be willing to support any efficient policies. Subjecting northeast Michigan farms to further economic hardship is not efficient."

The quarantine is scheduled to be lifted on March 1; however the ban on deer feeding and baiting remains in place.

Fate of state veterans' cemetery still up in the air

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"As I understand it, this is twofold," Mills said. "First is the legislative initiative and next is the procurement of federal funds and moving to get this started. Then the money the state will put into annual maintenance costs."

Mills and other members of Bradstreet's staff toured Camp Grayling in December.

"The meeting was not to select a location," Mills said. "The conversation was very positive in nature and we have another meeting planned with the department (of military affairs) in the middle part of February."

"We are looking at Camp Grayling for a placement, but they have warned us that this is a lingering process," Mills said. "They will have to tap into federal money for

start-up costs."

Brigadier Gen. Michael Rice, deputy director of the Michigan Department of Military and Veteran Affairs, says that if the Legislature wants to do it, it probably will get done.

"As a department, we're not taking a position on this right now because the money in our budget doesn't look as plentiful as it has in past budgets," Rice said. "If it looks like the state wants to do something up there (Grayling), we can probably help them."

Bradstreet's current bill specifies

a location.

"We specify Crawford County," Mills said. "Our bill is unique because it does specify a location."

Camp Grayling is a National Guard training site. "We train about 70,000 troops a year up there," Rice said. "There's about 27,000 acres and that's quite a bit."

If the legislation passes, the cemetery will be put on a waiting list with the federal government, according to Rice.

"Sometimes it can take years before they begin construction," Rice said.

City fills Housing Commission vacancy

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Grayling City Council filled a vacancy on the Housing Commission Board last Monday with the appointment of Patricia Sartin.

The city advertised the open position, and councilmen Jerry Hayes and Dave Wyman conducted interviews with two candidates.

On Monday, Hayes and Wyman recommended the council appoint

Sartin, a Housing Commission resident.

"She's a very positive person," said Wyman.

The council approved the appointment with a 5-0 vote. Sartin's term will last five years.

The vacancy on the Housing Commission was created with the expiration of Nellie Kellogg's term. Kellogg did not wish to be re-appointed, city officials said.

Part of North Down River Road to be fixed this year

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miles of McMasters Bridge for reconstruction in 2002, no project for 2003, another portion of North Down River Road (from Wakeley Bridge Road to Stephan Bridge Road) in 2004, and a Chase Bridge

Road project in 2005.

(Not all of the roads under the Road Commission's jurisdiction are eligible for project funding through the Task Force. Other reconstruction projects are also in the works for 2001 and beyond.)

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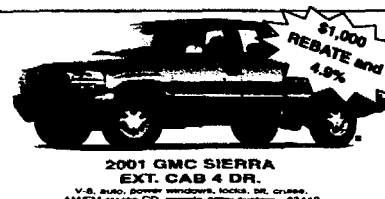
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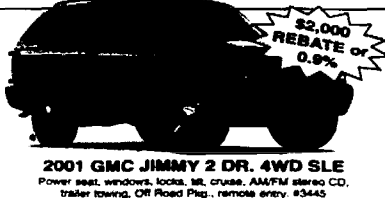
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Two local students score in VFW essay contest

Submitted by Marie J. Scott
Publicity Chairperson
VFW Carl W. Borchers Auxiliary

"Then faraway, but coming nearer and nearer down along Menotomy Road, he heard the throb of a drum. Men coming back from Charleston. He stood, turned his head to listen. The shuffle of feet. A life began to toot. It was ill played. Maybe a foolish tune, but Johnny was warmed to hear it. For once -- once more -- Yankee Doodle was going to town." -- A quote from *Johnny Tremain*, by Esther Forbes.

To me, patriotic means believing in your country and standing up for your rights as a citizen. It means doing things for the greater being and benefit of your country. It doesn't necessarily mean fighting a war as Johnny Tremain and Samuel Adams did, but being the most responsible and moral citizen that you can in your position in life.

Voting is a way to be patriotic. Every time you state your opinion at the voting booth, you help your country. The presidential election of this year, 2000, came down to a very small margin of votes. This proves that every vote makes a difference. Many other people, including myself, are too young to vote. I think that people under the age of 18 should help voters out by publicly stating their opinions on topics and becoming educated about the political process. I have visited both my state and national legislatures and observed my representatives in action.

My father and grandfather both

served under the National Guard for many years. They both were honored with numerous medals and awards. I admire both of them for their loyalty, discipline, and commitment. They have taught me the values of a patriot and as a young citizen of the United States.

Being patriotic to Johnny Tremain meant risking his life for the sake of others. Just like the service members of today, Johnny fought bravely in the name of America. I believe that young citizens like me should set a good example to others as our way of fighting. By learning about the government and our country, we can be a good influence on others. I believe a patriot is a valued citizen who strives to make America better." The preceding was a two-level winning essay by Jill Seager.

Early in the school year the VFW offered the opportunity for all seventh and eighth graders to enter voluntarily an essay contest titled, "What Does it Mean to be a Patriot?" The above essay was a winner both on the local level on the District 11 level. Jill Seager, daughter of Steve and Chris Seager, entered it. Also on the local level was a winning essay of Amanda Lutz, daughter of Mark and June Lutz. Locally, both girls were awarded a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond.

On February 10, the winners were named and awards were given out for the VFW District 11. At district level all entrants in the essay contest were awarded a medal and certificate for their participation in the essay contest. For placing first on



Photo courtesy of VFW Carl W. Borchers Auxiliary

Auxiliary Chairperson Marie J. Scott (far left, front) presents certificates to essay winners Jill Seager and Amanda Lutz while (back row, from left) Mrs. Tuskan, Chris Seager and Mark and June Lutz look on.

the district level, Jill Seager received a \$150 U.S. Savings Bond and a plaque. A duplicate was awarded to the Grayling Middle School for their trophy case. Carl W. Borchers Post & Auxiliary 3736 sponsored Jill in the essay contest. Stephanie Bierlein was awarded second place with a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond. Post & Auxiliary 6950 in Kawawlin submitted her essay. Third place was awarded to Emily Seck, sponsored by Post & Auxiliary 11256 in Gladwin. She received a \$75 U.S. Savings Bond.

Because Amanda and Jill were taking their ACT tests, the awards were picked up by Auxiliary President, Marie Scott, and at an assembly of all seventh students, the program was explained and the

awards were given to Amanda and Jill.

Jill's essay was sent on to the Department of Michigan judging where it will compete against all first place winners that were submitted by 15 districts. Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Michigan awards the top three winners with \$300, \$700, and \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bonds along with a plaque. These awards will be presented to the winners at the 2001 Department Convention in June.

Members of the VFW Carl W. Borchers Post and Auxiliary 3736 hope that this will be a greater incentive for all seventh and eighth graders next year. It will be a different theme, but it will be geared to Americanism.

Support local talent; see *Steel Magnolias*

Kirtland Center Players announces the upcoming theatre production of "Steel Magnolias," a comedy/drama in two acts by Robert Harling. The action all takes place in a beauty parlor, where the gossipy southern ladies entertain us with their hilarious repartee and humorously revealed verbal collisions.

The Kirtland Center Players' production will feature Melanie Ross (Grayling) as Truvy Jones, Kelli Willett (Roscommon) as Shelby Eatenton-Larcherie, Jessica Myers (Houghton Lake) as Annette Dupuy-Desoto, Kelly Price (St. Helen) as Clairee Belcher, Emily Vajda (Roscommon) as M'Lynn Eatenton, and Natascha McCuan (Grayling) as Ouiser Boudreaux.

Steve Coe (Grayling) will design the scenery; Trish Price (St. Helen) is in charge of costumes; Brandi Vermillion and Blair Cappell (West Branch) are the stage managers;

Rose and Paul Berger (Houghton Lake), Robert Dozzi and Mark Coon (both of West Branch) will assist with props/lights/scene changes; and Steve Webb

(Roscommon) is in charge of sound. "Steel Magnolias" will be performed nightly at 7:30 p.m., February 22, 23, and 24 in the Gilbert I. Stewart Auditorium at

Kirtland Community College. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for students and are available by calling the Kirtland Ticket Office at (517) 275-6777.

Tickets will also be available at the door each night of the show. The Kirtland Center Players invite everyone to come out and support local talent.



Photo courtesy of the Kirtland Center Players

Emily Vajda, Kelly Price, Natascha McCuan, Jessica Myers, Kelli Willett, and Melanie Ross rehearse a scene from *Steel Magnolias*, to be presented by the Kirtland Center Players February 22-24 at 7:30 p.m. each night at Kirtland Community College.

Plea bargain drops two charges against Tuck

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

In a plea bargain with Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss, high school "turfing" suspect Jeremy Michael Tuck pled guilty on February 16 to one charge of malicious destruction of property when

Chief Judge Alton Davis agreed to drop the remaining two charges in exchange for his testimony in similar cases pending against suspects Casey Jo Helsel and James Bruce Babbitt.

The case concerns destruction to the football field, running track, gate and other grounds at Grayling High School the weekend of June 17, 2000.

Restitution in Tuck's case has been limited to repairs only, not replacement, of parts of the sports

complex at the school. Tuck is scheduled to be sentenced April 2. He has requested a reduced sentence of 30 days (or less) in the county jail. Tuck has the option to withdraw his guilty plea if he doesn't receive the reduced sentence.

Three days have been scheduled for Helsel's trial in circuit court beginning Monday, February 26 before Judge Davis.

Babbitt has been remanded back to 83rd District Court for a preliminary examination in his case.

Judge to meet with attorneys in shelter case

Attorneys for both the board of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County and former volunteer director Dixie Lobsinger are scheduled to meet for a pre-trial conference in 46th Circuit Trial Court with the Honorable Dennis F. Murphy on Wednesday, March 7 at 11:30 a.m.

During a pre-trial conference, the judge customarily talks with each side of the matter to determine time needed for discovery of information pertinent to the case and any scheduling conflicts. It is not clear whether the conference will take place in the courtroom or in the judge's chambers.

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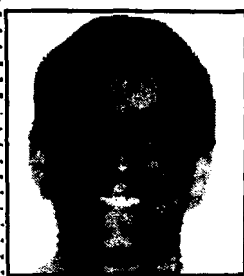
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ALMANACK

by Dirk Milliman

Pay hike? What a generous surprise!

Everyone deserves a raise. Just ask them.

In these days of full employment, of skyrocketing prices, of keeping up with the Joneses lifestyles, it is the rare bird who will walk into the bosses office and say "just pay me what you think I'm worth."

It is a seller's market today in the employment industry. If you have skills to sell, you are in the driver's seat. You can almost name your price. Those skills may only be a willingness to work, or an ability to show up each day and be on time, or the ability to learn. But even those basic skills are in demand, and workers who possess them can sell themselves to the most eager employer who becomes the highest bidder.

Today, everyone who wants to work is working. There are more jobs than bodies.

A 40 percent pay increase? To keep a good employee? In today's job marketplace, a 40 percent increase in pay is not out of the question.

So why all the hoopla surrounding our Lansing lawmaker's recent pay hike?

Don't we want to attract the best and brightest candidates for those key positions? Don't our lawmakers work incredibly hard at their jobs, each trying to make their Michigan district the best it can be? Aren't they worth more?

Sure they are. Just ask them.

Is it out of the question that our lawmakers in Lansing make \$77,000 a year? No, it's not.

It's the percentage increase that has everyone's attention. That and the way by which the increase is achieved. By our lawmakers not voting their own raise down.

In this case, we are the bosses. Each and every taxpayer in Michigan is footing the bill for this pay increase. We are the ones sitting in the bosses chair. It's not some big, faceless, multi-national corporation making boatloads of profit that's being asked to pay its employees more. It's us being asked. By those who work for us.

We will be footing this bill.

And it's not like these employees actually came to us and asked us for an increase. It's not as though the work load increased, or the output increased, or the quality increased. It's not like we are expecting them to do anything more than they have always done, in the manner in which they have always done it.

This one is being forced down our throats.

Way back in 1962, when Michigan reworked its Constitution, a plan was put in place to keep lawmakers from setting their own pay levels. The State Elected Officials Compensation Commission is an independent body that meets and discusses how much our big wigs should be paid. The group suggests the pay level for the legislature, and also pay rates for the governor, justices and others.

The Commission was set up to avoid the brouhaha we have just gone through. The catch in the system is that our lawmakers must vote down any increase. If they fail to

vote against any pay hike, it takes effect. Both House and Senate must vote no.

As expected, that didn't happen. After a quick count of noses, the House voted to reject the raise, but the Senate took no action, ensuring the increase. Now all the lawmakers can enjoy their pay hike.

It concerns me that I did not read of, hear, or see one lawmaker come out and admit they deserved their raise. I'm sure most believe they deserve more money, but they didn't say it.

I have also not heard of any representative who voted to turn down the raise detail their plan as to which charity they will donate their unwanted increase to.

What I did hear is that if we want to continue to attract the best and brightest candidates to go to Lansing to make our laws and speak for our neighborhoods, we must pay a wage that will attract those top candidates.

In that thinking, no one would want to work for \$55,000. But at

\$77,000 we, as voters, will have our choice from among the best of the best. Whoopee.

Our brave Senate has floated a new plan. Those same upper chamber members who could be approved by an affirmative vote before they take effect. If their new bill is approved, lawmakers must vote yes to get the money.

But not now - oh no. This Senate plan would go into effect two years from now, when 20 or so of the current members will be term-limited out of office. Future Senators must vote yes, not our current crop. The House is considering a similar motion.

We have smart people in Lansing, don't we? The best and brightest, right? Why not come up with a better solution.

How about voting on a pay level now that will not take effect for two years? That way, our lawmakers may or may not be voting on their own compensation, depending on their ability to get themselves reelected.

Or how about tying all future increases to an inflation factor and letting the level of pay rise -- or fall -- at the same rate as inflation. Let the market set the pay. That's how it works in business.

Or how about something simple. How about paying our lawmakers 5.5 times the entry level wage paid by our local McDonald's? That's about what our lawmakers are getting now. The fast food giant seems to have a finger on the pulse of the employment market. Let McDonald's set the rate.

That also makes a good connection between our lawmakers and McDonald's.

With these darn term limits... who knows what kind of employment opportunities await our legislators in the future?

Dirk Milliman is President of Milliman Communications. He is filling in for his father, who has the month off.

EDITOR

Proposed government pay legislation should include amounts on all levels

To the editor,

Newspapers in Michigan have reported that some State Senators are introducing legislation to put a proposal on the ballot in November 2002 to amend the Officer's Compensation Commission provision in the Michigan Constitution. This provision provides that the state set up a commission to study state elected officials' salaries and recommend changes to them without a vote of the legislature.

So far, the changes suggested cover requiring the legislature to approve the Compensation Commission's recommendation, that the legislature could reduce the commission's recommended amounts and that any changes take effect after the next general election.

These are needed improvements but they don't go far enough. Items that should be added are:

1. The provisions apply to all levels of government within the state;
2. Any commission recommendation be submitted to the legisla-

tive body of the effected level of government in time that the body can approve, reduce or reject the changes before the filing date of candidates at that level of government; and

3. That the 2001 state pay raises be rolled back to the 1999 level, plus all yearly increases in the cost of living on January 1 following the approval of the amendment by the voters.

With these additions, the voters and all prospective candidates for school board, township, county and state offices will know what the pay will be when they file to be a candidate. When a person applies for a job in the private sector, he/she knows what the pay will be. Why should the public sector be any different?

Anyone with opinions on this subject should write to Sen. George McManus (P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48908) and Rep. Ken Bradstreet (P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909).

Art Thayer
Grayling

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Gray areas questioned in county's role with shelter

To the editor,

Animal Control Shelter: a facility operated by a municipality for the impoundment and care of animals that are found in the streets or at large, animals that are otherwise held due to the violation of a municipal ordinance or state law, or animals that are surrendered to the animal control shelter.

Animal Protection Shelter: a facility operated by a person, humane society, society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, or any other nonprofit organization for the care of homeless animals.

Animal Control Officer (ACO): Any person employed by the county for the purpose of enforcing local ordinances or state statutes pertaining to dogs or other animals.

These definitions are excerpts from the Michigan State Law (Act 287 of 1969, MCL 287.331).

Crawford County has an animal control ordinance that is written as if the county runs an animal control shelter. They do not. The county contracted that job to the Board of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County which is, by definition of the law, an animal protection shelter. This should mean that the separation of these two entities should be black and white: ACO (county) enforces laws, picks up stray animals and takes them to the animal shelter, which is a nonprofit organi-

zation. This nonprofit organization has responsibility for animals thereafter; right? This does not seem to be the case here.

Animals picked up by the ACO belong to the county for seven days. How much money has Crawford County allocated for the veterinary care of these animals? What will become of animals with porcupine quills and various other non-life threatening injuries when picked up? Will they, once again, stand with quills in their faces until their time is up or will that just be an excuse to euthanize them before their time is up? This has not been the case for many, many years. What are the plans of Crawford County and this nonprofit organization? Have we made a step forward or too many steps back?

At the February 7 meeting of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County Board, they discussed euthanasia of ACO animals. What are ACO animals? Even if we assume they are ACO animals for seven days while they must be held, how can they be "county" animals on day eight and how can the ACO make decisions on animals she has not cared for or worked with? When the shelter board discussed having a "doggie parole board" made up of three people, it became increasingly obvious that they plan to have the ACO euthanize the shelter animals, also.

The animal shelter board seemed plenty anxious to have the responsibilities of the animal shelter in January. Now they are perfectly willing to give many of those responsibilities to the county. What did they really want? Now they wish to give away the responsibilities they find distasteful or unpopular?

Now for the kicker -- the county is not responsible for any strays you, the public, find and bring to the shelter. Eventually this will probably lead to you paying a fee to drop off an animal that you were doing a good deed for. Your other alternative will be to leave it where you found it and call the ACO to pick it up, or scrape it up if she doesn't get there soon enough. Is this what the people of this county want? The county is spending more of our tax dollars and, once again, the animals lose. Increased tax dollars for fewer services once again.

I believe we need to ask Mr. Huss to make a determination as to the distinction between these two entities. This situation needs to be black and white, not gray. The animals deserve to be cared for humanely and correctly, not conveniently.

Sharon Priebe
Grayling

School district needs budget manager, not more taxes

To the editor,

Taxpayers of Crawford County: Again our School Board and Mr. Reynolds have decided to see if a bond proposal will pass by the Taxpayers Public on March 20, 2001.

Our School Board has been looking for a replacement for Mr. Reynolds when he retires this summer. Well, I would like to know why the School Board does not look within our current employed Assistant Superintendent or a Principal and make the new position of School Superintendent a "working" position. Maybe we could make someone in our current system happy and do away with one (1) position and maybe even two (2).

The School Board is always asking for new bond issues. The total of these two bond issues represent about \$27,300 per student based on

current enrollment at the high school, with smaller class sizes expected over the next 20 years and it makes one wonder if these proposals are necessary.

Has anyone stopped to look at their LP or natural gas bill lately? Well, take a good look. You are all facing new fuel and electric cost that will go up by summer or next year's heating season. What do you think will happen in the next 20 years?

I feel the school board needs to get a new Budget Manager! One that will include some preventative maintenance, in the budget, plus a plan to save for the future for additional school repairs when needed. Somewhere over Mr. Reynolds' tenure, he hasn't done a very good job in planning for future needs. Mr. Reynolds and the School Board are always asking the taxpayers for

new millage increases to pay for their lack of vision, budgeting and planning for the future.

I would be willing to urge all Taxpayers to vote for these proposals if first the School Board would present a budget that would show that, someday, the taxpayers will be relieved of the school tax burden that has plagued this county for the last 25 years.

I challenge the School Board to present to the County their proposal to relieve the Taxpayers of this School Tax burden or just any saving proposal at all. Make any effort, I'm sure the Taxpayers would like to see it.

Under present circumstances, I urge all taxpayers not to vote for either Proposal I or Proposal II on the March 20, 2001 bond request.

Arthur P. Evon Jr.
Grayling

Caution needed at school pick up time

To the editor,

When I pick up my first grader from school, I park in the far parking lot of the Primary building. Because there are so many children crossing the street, and I can see him when he does, I allow him to cross with the other children. However, there is a continuing problem that needs attention.

Most of the parents who pick up their children park in the lot closest to the school or along the sidewalk. When they have their child in the car, they proceed to leave. The problem that is facing us is that most of the drivers do not take the extra care for the children trying to cross the road.

There are no marked cross walks for the children and, during the winter, most of the sidewalks are covered with snow, leaving the children to either walk in the deep snow or walk in the road. Last week, there was a boy almost hit by a car because of this.

We teach our children to cross in the crosswalks or where the sidewalks dip down, indicating a crossing. When this child was crossing the street, where he was told to, someone was paying no attention and almost hit him. I have seen some children wait almost five minutes before a driver will stop and allow them to cross.

Just because your child is in your car, does not mean that all of the children are where they need to be.

We all need to pay more attention to what is going on around us, especially when we are in a school parking lot.

Dusty M. Latusek
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BRIEFS

Conservation group plans tree sale

The Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District is holding their Annual Spring Tree Sale on April 27 and 28. There are a wide variety of evergreens, hardwoods, and shrubs available. Whether desiring to plant trees and shrubs to attract wildlife or to generate some income from a timber harvest in the future, now is the time to act. To receive a brochure on items for sale, call Monday-Friday (517) 275-5231 and one will be sent to you. Also, for suggestions on what species to plant, wildlife or forest management questions, urban tree problems, or other natural resource related questions call and ask for the Forestry and Wildlife Resource Professional, Craig Kasmer.

Foster Parents desperately needed

The Crawford County and Roscommon County offices of the Family Independence Agency will begin an orientation series for prospective Foster Parents. The need for good foster homes in the two-county area has reached a critical point and the call is going out to those who feel they may be able to provide a safe and loving home for children placed in the foster care system. Foster Parents receive compensation for child expenses. Orientation begins March 6. For further information, contact Paige Allyn at (517) 344-5106.

Grayling Youth Bowling hosts carnival

An indoor carnival with a Wheel of Fortune, Plinko, basketball, face painting and much more will be held at the American Legion Hall in Grayling on Saturday, February 24 beginning at 2:30 p.m. Concessions will be offered of Polish dogs, hot dogs, popcorn, nachos, candy, pop, etc. Tickets may be purchased at the door. All proceeds go to promote Grayling Youth Bowling. For more information, call (517) 348-8094.

Book fair planned at elementary school

Grayling Elementary School will hold a Scholastic Book Fair in its Media Center from February 26 through March 5. It will be open during school hours, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each school day, during Parent/Teacher conferences, and until 12 noon on Monday, March 5. Everyone is invited to shop.

Annual Shrove Tuesday dinner planned

St. Francis Episcopal Church, located on M-72 West in Grayling, will sponsor its 26th Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 27 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. A free will donation is requested, with 10 percent of proceeds given to outreach. Menu includes blueberry and plain pancakes (all you can eat), smoked sausage, applesauce, corn pancakes and potato pancakes with sour cream. Tickets will be available at the door.

Senior Center offers variety of services

The Commission on Aging Senior Center, located on Lawndale Street in Grayling, offers a Telephone Assurance Program for those who live alone. Through the program, staff members call enrolled seniors every day to see how they are doing. Call the center at 348-7123 for details. The Senior Center will show "Fantasia 2001" on the Big-Screen TV on Tuesday, February 27 at 5:30 p.m. Both movie and popcorn are free. Free help will be available to seniors who are completing income tax returns on Thursday, February 22, and March 1 and 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call the number above or toll-free 1-888-355-4500 for an appointment. Finally, On Thursday, February 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., help will be available for those with problems or questions dealing with Medicare, Medicaid and insurance bills or claims.

Church hosts all-you-can-eat luncheon

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church will host an all-you-can-eat luncheon of soup, sandwich, salad, and dessert on Thursday, March 1 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$4.50 per person. Take outs are available and everyone is welcome.

Eastern Orthodox service offered in TC

Because there is not an Orthodox Church in northern lower Michigan, Grace Episcopal Church in Traverse City will host Father Mark Sietsema from Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in Lansing for a pastoral visit and to celebrate the Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 24. Grace Episcopal Church is located across from the courthouse in Traverse City at 341 Washington Street. For more information, call (231) 932-6868.

Transplant support group to meet

The next meeting of the Transplant Support Group of Northern Michigan is Saturday, February 24 at 1 p.m. in the Classroom at Otsego Memorial Hospital in Gaylord. Guest speaker will be a "Gift of Life" Volunteer. The public is welcome to attend. For more information, call Bev Cherwinski at (517) 983-4188.

River Valley Rug Hookers to meet

The River Valley Rug Hookers will meet Monday, February 26, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at 1370 I-75 Business Loop in Grayling. For more information, call 348-4011 or 348-5356 after 6 p.m.

Retired federal employees plan meeting

The local chapter of the National Association for Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), Chapter 2305, will meet Thursday, March 1 at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Grayling. Lunch will be at 11:30 a.m., with the business meeting starting at approximately 12:15 p.m. Membership is open to civilians with at least five years vested service in any agency of the federal or District of Columbia government, including retirees, former employees, current employees and spouses, and surviving spouses of those eligible to join. For more information, contact Rudy Martinez at 348-5326.

Alcoholics Anonymous support available

Grayling Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problems and help others to recover from alcoholism.

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions.

AA is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Its primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

Grayling AA meetings are held at 12 noon each Monday, Wednesday and Friday at St. Mary's Catholic

Church on Lake Street in Grayling. Evening meetings are held as follows:

Monday - 8 p.m. at the Frederic Township Hall.

Tuesday - 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Church; Al Anon (support for friends and loved ones of alcoholics) is also held at 8 p.m.

Wednesday - 8 p.m. at the Roscommon Civic Center in Roscommon.

Thursday - 8 p.m. at Grayling City Hall.

Friday - 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Church.

Sunday - 8 p.m. at St. Francis Episcopal Church on M-72 West in Grayling.

Some locations allow smoking and are handicap accessible. Call 348-5445 or 348-8901 for more information.

Taxpayer guide available

Northern Michigan residents can get important state tax information in the Michigan Taxpayers Guide offered by state Rep. Ken Bradstreet, R-Gaylord.

"This free guide can help make sense of the sometime - confusing language and instructions on tax forms," Bradstreet said. "It also provides more detail about the information needed on the forms, which can be a big help as you're working your way through doing your taxes."

The booklet outlines many Michigan laws on property taxes, homestead property tax credits, farmland and open space tax relief, the Single Business Tax and other related subjects. Also included are sample tax forms and a list of phone numbers for assistance.

Card of Thanks

Project Graduation sends thanks to the following individuals and businesses for their strategic part in making the recent rummage sale a success: American Legion, Fick & Sons, Waste Management of Harrison, AuSable Cash Registers, Millikin's Excavating, Cornell U-Store-It, St. Vincent DePaul Society, Pat Papendick and Irene Dickie. Silent Auction donors: Dickie's Trading Post, Bob Smock, Bill and Jessie Isenhauer.

In addition, thank you to the community for their generous rummage sale items and the many patrons for supporting our efforts. Please remember our organization's sale when disposing of unwanted items.

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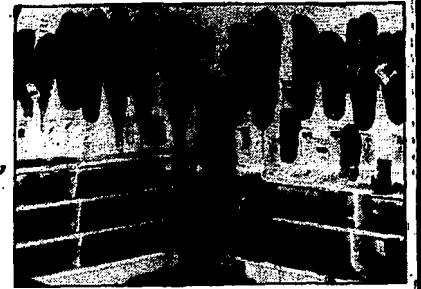
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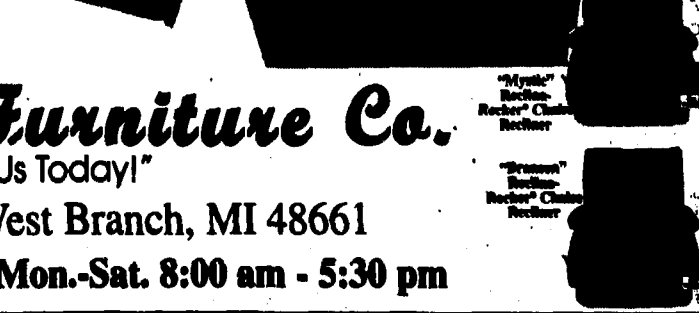
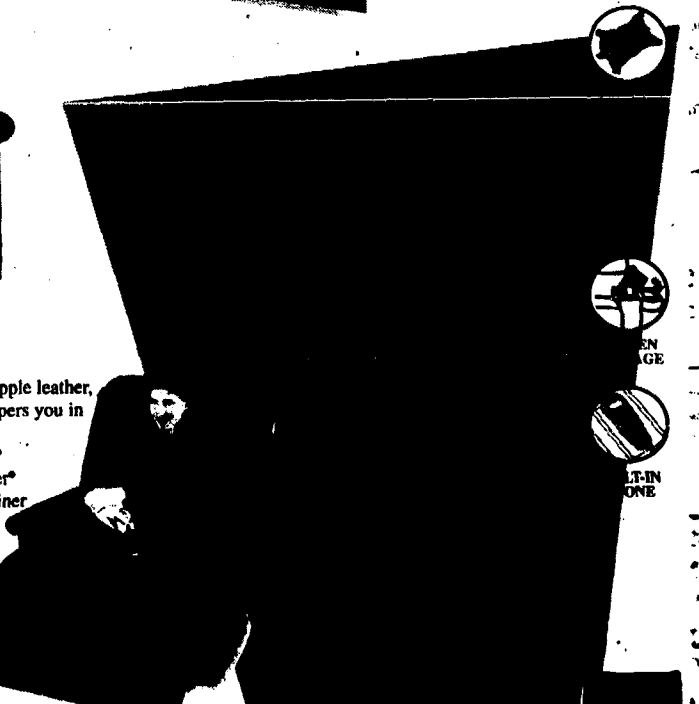
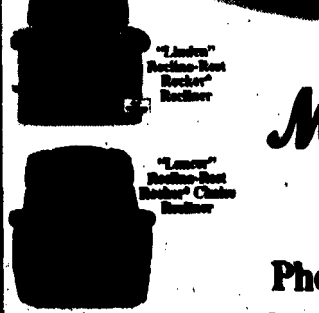
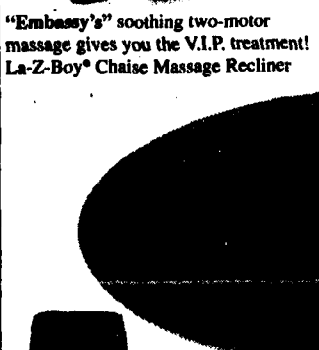
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Are you Friendly?

The key to having friends is to be friendly. God teaches us in Proverbs 18:24, "A man that hath friends must show himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." True friends love each other under all circumstances. "A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity." (Pro 17:17) A friend helps a friend by giving good counsel. "Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart: so doth the sweetness of a man's friend by hearty counsel." (Pro 27:9) Jesus Christ is the best friend we can have. "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you." (John 15:14,15)

God teaches us to be loyal to family friends. "Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, forsake not: neither go unto thy brother's house in the day of thy calamity: for better is a neighbour that is near than a brother far off." (Prov. 27:10) Friends always tell each other the truth even when it hurts. "Iron sharpeneth iron: so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend." (Prov. 27:17) Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful." (Prov. 27:6) Jesus was a friend to even those who were not socially or religious-

ly acceptable to others. "The Son of man is come eating and drinking; and ye say, Behold a gluttonous man, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners!" (Luke 7:34). Jesus was even a friend to Judas when he came to betray Him. "And Jesus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him." (Matt 26:50)

Friends help each other in need. "And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves; for a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him? 7 And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee. 8 I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth." (Luke 11:5-8)

Beware of people who are only your friend for what they can get out of you. "Many will entreat the favour of the prince: and every man is a friend to him that giveth gifts. (Pro 19:6) Don't loan money foolishly in the name of friendship. "My son, if thou be surety for thy friend, if thou hast stricken thy hand with a stranger, 2 Thou art snared with the

words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth. 3 Do this now, my son, and deliver thyself, when thou art come into the hand of thy friend: go, humble thyself, and make sure thy friend." (Prov. 6:1-3) In other words, don't sign someone's note without good collateral unless you are willing to pay it. Lending money is a good way to lose friends.

Once during my prison ministry I told an obnoxious prisoner that I was only there because I loved his soul. He said, "If you love me, give me a Yankee dollar!" Instead, as his friend I offered him something more valuable than all the Yankee dollars in the world - the saving gospel of Jesus Christ. Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Websites at: <http://onramp.i2k.com/~cba/> and at <http://www.i2k.com/~cba/index.html> We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

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Church welcomes new youth minister

The congregation of the Grayling Free Methodist Church has welcomed a new member to its pastoral team, Dan Baldermann, a recent graduate of Spring Arbor College, with a Contemporary Music Ministries degree.

Following his graduation last May, Pastor Baldermann was joined in marriage to Kellie Stull.

"Pastor Dan's" responsibilities are in youth and music with an emphasis on youth ministry.

The congregation invites everyone to come and welcome Pastor Dan and his wife at the 8:30 a.m. or 11 a.m. Sunday services, or Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Grayling Free Methodist Church is located at 6352 M-72 West in Grayling. For more information, call the church at 348-9093.



Pastor Dan Baldermann and his wife, Kellie

RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during February 21-27: The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Road 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road). Bombing and strafe firing conducted.

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Sunday Worship 10:00 am
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Sunday School 10:00 am
Adult Sunday School 11:15 a.m.
Junior Church 10:30 am
Bible Study (Wed.) 10:30 am

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Pastor Jeff Arthur
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Services held Saturday at Camp
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Saturday 9:30 am
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Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling
Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Service &
Children's Church 11 am
Sunday Evening Service 6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting 7 pm
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Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children 7 pm

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
President George D. Rasin
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord
Sacrament 10 am
Sunday School 11 am
Primary 11 am
Priesthood 12 noon
Relief Society 12 noon

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3474 West Park Road, Luzerne
Sunday Worship 11 am
Adult and Youth
Sunday School 9:30 am

Heritage Baptist
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411
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Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday 7 pm

St. John Lutheran (ELCA)
Pastor Wayne Knockel
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348-5224

Sunday School 9:15 am
Sunday Worship 10:30 am
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Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Pastors Lacey and Carol Stephan
North Down River Rd. at
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Church School 9:45 am
Preaching 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer 7 pm

Gaylord Christian Reformed
Rev. V. Schaap
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Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm

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Sabbath Eucharist
Saturday Vigil Mass 6 pm
Sunday Masses 8:00 am
Family Mass 10:00 am
Scripture Study
(Sundays) 9:15 am
Daily Masses
Wednesday & Fridays 8:30 am

First Baptist Church of Frederic
Pastor Dale Hammond
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study 7 pm
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Resurrection Life Church
Pastor Jimmie McWatters
Grayling Days Inn Conference Room
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Sunday Services 11:00 am

Calvary Baptist Church
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor
M-72 West
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Evening Worship 6 pm
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Wednesday 7 pm
Prayer &
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Sunday Mornings on
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Sunday Classes 10 am
Sunday Worship 11 am
Sunday Evening 6 pm
Wednesday
Mid-Week Bible Study 7 pm

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Sunday School 9 am
Sunday Service 10 am

The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message
Pastor Paul Rolfe
7662 Kelly Ave., Frederic
Sunday
Worship 10 am & 7 pm
Wed. Prayer Service 7 pm

Abundant Life Tabernacle
Pastor Lyke Studer
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Sunday School 10 am
Sunday
Worship 11 am & 6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening 7 pm

Grayling Baptist Church
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Pastor Terry Colby
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348-2557

Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday Service 7 pm

Harvest Time Church of God
Pastor Fred Coates
506 North Birch St., Kalkaska
(616) 258-3448

Sunday School 10 am
Worship Service 11 am & 6 pm
Family Training Hour and Prayer
Wednesday 7 pm

Lovells Chapel
Pastor Rev. D. Dean Coursey
Sunday School 10 am
Chapel Service 11 am
Wednesday
Prayer Meeting 7-8 pm

Free Methodist
Joseph Carpenter - Pastor
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Early Service 8:30 am
Sunday School 10 am
Morning Service 11 am
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Sunday Holy
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Morning Praise 10:30 am
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Sunday Morning Worship 11 am
Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm

Unity Center
Rex Franklin, Minister
Otsego Twp. Hall, Waters
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Sunday Services 10:30 am
Sunday School 10:30 am

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Higgins Lake - (Just east of Ralph
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Sunday Outdoor
Chapel Worship 11 am

OBITUARIES

Lillian M. Rutledge

March 9, 1910 - Feb. 5, 2001

Lillian M. Rutledge, 90, of Winter Haven, Florida, died on February 5, 2001.

Lillian M. Swanson was born in Illinois on March 9, 1910. The Swanson family then moved to Grayling. She married Stuart L. Rutledge of Roscommon on December 21, 1934. The couple was married for 60 years until his death in 1995.

Mrs. Rutledge lived in Roscommon and eventually moved to Winter Haven in about 1980. She was a member of the First Congregational Church of Roscommon, The Fidelity Chapter #50 Order of the Eastern Star of Roscommon, of which she was a past worthy matron. She spent leisure time in the past skiing.

She is preceded in death by her husband.

Survivors include: one sister, Dorothy (Jack) B. McClain; one brother-in-law, Blaine Rutledge of Winter Haven, Florida; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services and burial were held February 9, 2001, in Winter Haven, Florida.

Memorial contributions can be sent to First Congregational Church of Roscommon.

Kenneth W. Rohde

Oct. 2, 1939 - Feb. 19, 2001

Kenneth Wade Rohde, 61, of Grayling, died February 19 at Mercy Hospital.

Kenneth was born on October 2, 1939 in Grayling, to Harry C. and Wilda R. (Leline) Rohde. Mr. Rohde was never married.

Mr. Rohde has lived in Grayling all his life and was formerly employed by Stephan Wood Products. Kenneth's leisure time was spent studying his genealogy and heritage, hunting, camping, fishing, welding, mechanical jobs, cutting wood and other handy-man chores. Mr. Rohde also spent time taking photographs and developing his own photos.

Preceding him in death were his parents, one sister Patty Jo Dunham and one brother, Albert Franklin Rohde.

Survivors include: one brother, Dale (Marie) Rohde of Grayling; four nephews, Rick (Maryah) Rohde of Grayling, Chip Dunham of Grayling, Jay Dunham of Grayling and George (Andrea) Rohde of South Branch Township; three nieces, Kena Beard of Traverse City, Holly (Jim) MaGee of South Branch Township, and LaWanna (Jeff) Nelson of South Branch Township.

A memorial service will be held on February 25 at 4 p.m. in place of the normal evening service at 6 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church. A luncheon will follow. Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor, will be officiating.

Graveside services and burial will be held in the spring at Beaver Creek Township Cemetery.



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Friday - 6:30 pm

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SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Thought for the week ahead:
Whatever you do today, do it better tomorrow.

Our Congregate Dining Program consists of two meals, Monday through Thursday and one on Friday. Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5pm weekdays except Friday, there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at 517-348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for.

Lots of good things are happening and all you have to do is come and join in!

February:

Wed. 21 - BBQ Chicken/ Pepper Steak; Hearing Clinic by appointment; 5:30 - COA Board meeting.

Thur. 22 - Salisbury Steak/ Baked Ham 11 to Noon - Blood Pressures and Sugars taken; 12:15 - MMAP Counselor on troubles with your insurance programs; 1:00 - Pinochle Club.

Fri. 23 - BBQ Chicken/ no dinner Pantry Bingo and 80 cent Rummy at 1.

Sun. 25 - Potluck at 3p.m.

Mon. 26 - Lemon Pepper Steak/ Spaghetti with Meatballs Gripe & Gab Club at 10; Stag Cards at 12; Bridge Club at 1; and Hangman at 5:30.

Tues. 27 - Kielbasa Baked Dinner/ Beef Stew; Dominoes at 12:30; Euchre Club at 1; Movie at 5:30 - "Fantasia 2001"

Wed. 28 - Salmon Patties/ Veal Parmesan; Exercises and Line Dancing at 10 & 11; Fun & Games at 12:30; Stag Cards at 12:30 and Burger King Bingo at 5:30.

Free advice offered

MidMichigan Visiting Nurse Support Services will offer consultations for people with ostomies on Thursday, March 15, from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at their offices, 206 Health Parkway, on the campus of MidMichigan Health Park in Houghton Lake (behind the Big Boy Restaurant).

These consultations are free and for individuals who have colostomies, ileostomies, and urostomies. Deb Williams, Certified Enterostomal Therapy Nurse, will meet individually with ostomates to explore new products and offer helpful suggestions.

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Colorectal Cancer Information Centers

Stop by our Information Center and receive a free Hemoccult Kit as well as the latest information on understanding and preventing colorectal cancer. Information centers will be available throughout the month of March at the following locations:
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Cancer Support Group
March 19, 6:30 - 8 pm

March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

Other Program Offerings in March

Diabetes Support Group

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Mercy Family Care - Roscommon

March 1, 1 - 2 pm

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Mercy Community Health Center - Prudenville

March 22, 5:30 - 7 pm

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Local comic book ministry to go nationwide

This year the locally sponsored *Cardinal Adventures* Christian comic is preparing for its biggest issue ever. Not only is its publisher planning on releasing its thickest edition ever (estimated between 48 and 56 pages), but an edition which will travel across the country, from Michigan to California to New York and cities in between.

The comic's publisher, non-denominational, Gaylord-based Sunday Comics Ministries, Inc. has announced plans to join forces with the California-based Christian Comic Art Society (CCAS) to produce a special edition to be passed out free at comic book conventions nationwide this spring.

According to Kurt J. Kolka, ministry president and chief cartoonist, the special edition will be a "more buffed" edition of the annual

Cardinal Adventures comic which is released in this area each summer. "This king-sized convention edition will feature the traditional Cardinal and Galen stories, plus a 20-page adventure and other comic features by members of the CCAS," said Kolka. "There's something in it for all types of comic readers, not just those who enjoy the superhero genre."

Grayling native Kolka and his wife have been passing out comics at the spring Motor City Comic Con in Novi since 1997. His comic's title character, The Cardinal, has been putting in personal appearances at the convention for two years now.

CCAS has been setting up tables at conventions across the country. Besides selling Christian comics by a variety of cartoonists, they pass out free Bibles, tracts and other Christian literature to those who are interested.

CCAS first approached Kolka about joint comic venture at the Novi convention two years ago. "George Macas, CCAS's chairman, pulled me aside and suggested we work together on a project because our objectives were the same -- to reach out with the Gospel message through comics," explained Kolka. "They had free pass-outs, but they weren't comics. They produced comics in small quantities and sold them at various conventions instead.

Meanwhile, I produced thousands of free Christian comics a year, but they were only available in a concentrated area of Michigan. Combining our resources could help both of us.

"It took a year to hammer out the details. We finally hit upon the idea of a 'flip book' comic with two covers, one for the Cardinal and one for their group. Then things began to fall into place."

Kolka said their goal is to print the usual 10,000 copies for distribution in northern Michigan and another 5,000 to pass out at conventions, including the International Comic Con in San Diego.

The battle to get the special edition out is not yet over for the local cartoonist. Kolka and his fellow artists must raise over \$2,500 to make their vision a reality. That is double the amount Sunday Comics Ministries normally raises to print and distribute their comic.

Kolka admits he doesn't know where all the money for the project is coming from. Since it began, the 11-year old comic book has been supported by a core group of churches, plus various other churches, youth groups, businesses and individuals which have sponsored it on and off. Kolka is quick to note his faith is in the Lord to provide the funding. He hopes to have the comic ready to go to press in April. "I feel like a missionary," says

Kolka. "Here we are, raising money to travel to a different area to pass out the Gospel message in a form especially 'translated' for the people we will meet there." Kolka said this special edition is a one-time project and the comic will return to its usual 24-page format for 2002.

Since it began, *Cardinal Adventures* has been sponsored locally by Mount Hope Lutheran Church and Resurrection Life Church in Grayling; Alpine Village Baptist, Friendship Christian Reformed Church, Gaylord Family Fellowship, Mount Victory Assembly of God, The Word book store, and Northern Christian Radio in Gaylord.

For more information about Sunday Comics Ministries, or *Cardinal Adventures*, or the convention comic project, contact Kurt Kolka at (517) 732-4673, or write to him at 324 East Petoskey Street, Gaylord, MI 49735.

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Amie Elizabeth Price, of Grayling, was named to the undergraduate scholars Honor Roll for the fall 2000 semester. A student must receive a grade point average of 3.5 or better with at least 12 semester hours. Amie is the daughter of Sarah Price of Grayling.

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Nancy Webster, owner of Northwoods Quilting Company near Waters, demonstrates quilting on the huge machine at last year's annual open house in June.

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Record of City Council Proceedings

Meeting held on the 29th day of January 2001 Grayling, Michigan

Meeting called to order by Mayor Palmer at 7:30 P.M.

Members Present: Palmer, Wyman, Brown, Hayes, Banda.

Members Absent: None.

Also in attendance: Allen Lowe, City Manager, Kay Ellen King, City Clerk, Caleb Casey, Barbara Clark Greene, Bill Greene, Steve Langseth, Dennis Long, Carl Lehto, Doug Duby, Dennis Palmer, Skylynn Palmer, Alan Somero, Jeff Kittles.

01-07

Moved by Wyman, supported by Brown that the minutes of the meeting of January 8, 2001 be approved as presented. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Public Hearing: None.

Communications were received and noted.

a. Fire Department year end report.

b. Housing Commission Meeting of November 14, 2000.

c. Notice of Public Hearing establishing a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, February 21, 2001 at 10:00 AM at the Crawford County building.

d. Charter Communications Letter.

e. Crawford County Board of Commissioners meeting of December 20, 2000.

f. Letter from Guy Quigley, Director of the Grayling Housing Commission, with the annual plan for the Housing Commission. This is on file at Grayling City Office.

g. Department of Treasury Letter regarding Cooperative Drug Agency Agreement. Chief Schreiner spoke to Council stating that the City has been participating for several years. He will check over the concerns mentioned in this letter and report back to Council.

h. Steward Change Notice from Teamsters Local 214.

i. Grayling Township letter regarding the development of a park along the banks of the Atsable's East Branch. Terry Wright will attend the February 12, 2001 meeting to answer questions.

Old Business.

a. Carl Lehto was present to discuss the sewer lagoons. He passed out a report and work plan to correct the odor problem at the lagoons and answered questions from Council. This needs to be addressed and sent to the DEQ for approval.

01-08

Moved by Wyman, supported by Banda to approve authorizing Gosling Zubak Engineering Sciences, Inc. to forward this report to the DEQ for approval before voting. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

b. Barbara Greene discussed with Council the new library progress. They are planning for an April 15, 2002 opening of the new library. She spoke to Council asking if they would waive all fees for the water and sewer tap as a gesture of support for this community project. This will be decided at the next council meeting.

c. Industrial Park Master Plan. Mr. Langseth discussed with Council Phase 1 and Phase 2 of an Environmental Site Assessment for the Industrial Park.

d. Housing Commission Appointments. We have residents from AuSagra Acres who are interested in being on the Board. Mr. Wyman and Mr. Hayes have volunteered to meet with these residents for interviews. The City Clerk will set up the interviews.

e. Chief of Police Schreiner. Much discussion was held regarding the Police Department and patrol cars with input from both the Council and the audience. There will be no change in the policy at this time. Chief Schreiner will check into using auxiliary police as they have in the past.

f. Mr. Kittles spoke to Council regarding a parking and towing ticket he received. He has just moved into the city limits and didn't realize that you are not supposed to park between the hours of 3:00 AM and 6:00 AM on city streets. After discussion it was the consensus of Council that Mr. Kittles is responsible for the towing charge due to the winter weather.

New Business

a. Summer Tax Collection Agreements with COOR, Crawford AuSable Schools and Kirland Community College.

01-09

Moved by Brown, supported by Hayes to collect the taxes of COOR, Crawford AuSable Schools and Kirland Community College with the 2000 Summer Taxes as has been past practice. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

b. Two bids for Appraisal of old City Hall.

City Manager Lowe recommends the bid of Ronald Fiebelkorn for \$500.00.

01-10

Moved by Banda, supported by Wyman to accept the bid of \$500.00 from Ronald Fiebelkorn for appraisal of old City Hall. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Citizens who wish to speak: None.

Reports of City Manager.

a. M.M.L. Annual Legislative Conference in Lansing on March 21, 2001. If any Council members wish to attend please let the office know so that reservations can be made.

b. City Manager to attend City Manager's Convention in Ypsilanti on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday of this week.

c. Attended a meeting in Gaylord with MEDC. They have grant and loan programs available for Economic Development.

d. At the Grayling Township Meeting February 14, 2001 discussion will be held regarding the Fire Department and Cemetery. City Manager & Fire Chief will be attending.

Reports of Council Members.

a. Mr. Wyman would like to see a planning session on the direction the city is moving, maybe having a visioning session with Council at a Special Meeting. Mayor Palmer will try and set up a meeting.

b. Ms. Brown reported on the Public Hearing the Steering Committee held to update the Zoning Ordinances. The proposed Zoning Ordinance for the City of Grayling will be presented to Council on February 12, 2001 for approval.

c. Ms. Palmer got a call from a concerned citizen regarding the corner of Lake Street and North Down River Road.

d. Ms. Palmer spoke to Council regarding vouchers from the Federal Government for low income seniors at the Grayling Housing Commission. Council needs to be aware of this so they can approve them when Mr. Quigley has the information.

At this time Mayor Palmer would like a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:39 PM to discuss Administrative Union, Purchase of Property and a Personnel issue.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Wyman, Brown, Palmer, Hayes, Banda.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

Open Session resumed at 10:15 PM.

Mayor Palmer appointed Banda and Wyman to negotiate with Teamsters Local 214 for upcoming contract.

Adjournment

01-12

Moved by Brown, supported by Hayes that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 PM.

Kay Ellen King

City Clerk.

SYNOPSIS CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Board Meeting of January 17, 2001

The Special Meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Scott Hanson, at 9:34 a.m. in the County Building on January 17, 2001.

Roll Call: Hanson, Beardslee, Corlew, Golinick, Pinkelman and Wieland.

Absent: None.

Sandra Moore, County Clerk - Present.

Others were present at various times.

Moved to approve the Minutes of the December 20, 2000 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

Moved to approve the Minutes of the January 4, 2001 Organizational Board Meeting with the elimination of Liaison under the Emergency Management Assignment.

Moved to approve the Minutes of the January 4, 2001 Special Board Meeting as presented.

Moved to recommend the Policy Prohibiting the Waiving of Permit Fees - January 2001 by adopted as written with the elimination of "other than itself" from the last sentence.

Moved to enter into a File Server Maintenance Agreement with I.T. Right in the amount of \$7,500.00 for a period of one year - which will service the Sheriff's Department/ Treasurer/ Treasurer/ Clerk/ Register of Deeds Offices and the Prosecutor/ Court offices.

Moved to accept the bid from Career

Quest for computer hardware in the amount of \$21,578.00. Two bids were received - one in the amount of \$426,460.00 and the other in the amount of \$21,578.00.

Moved to authorize payment of the following claims: General Fund - prepaid vouchers, Time Energy Management, payroll and open invoices as on the January 10, 2001 report in the amount of \$332,009.73; D.A.R.E. Fund - payroll in the amount of \$2,667.93; Environmental Control Fund - payroll in the amount of \$2,893.44; Central Dispatch Fund - prepaid voucher, payroll and open invoices on the January 10, 2001 report in the amount of \$23,937.96; and Building & Zoning Fund - mileage and per diem for Duran, per diem for Anderson and Merrill, prepaid voucher, payroll and open invoices on the January 10, 2001 report in the amount of \$9,980.86.

Moved to accept correspondence as presented.

Moved to accept the resignation of COA Board Member, Gerald Zinzo with regrets and submit a letter of appreciation to him.

Moved to enter into contract with the Grayling Recreation Authority for the 2001 Fish Hatchery operations. Operations are to continue as in the past through the 2001 season.

Moved to appoint Dr. William McNamara as the Medical Examiner for Crawford County for a four year term, ending 12-31-2004.

Moved to add DEQ correspondence as communication #21.

Moved to amend the correspondence list to include the Library Board President letter to First Lady Laura Bush as communication #22.

Consensus to re-affirm the Prosecutor's full time work agreement with the County.

Moved to submit the Jail violations from the Michigan Department of Consumer & Industry Services - Occupational Health Division to Attorney Peter Cohl by Monday, January 22, 2001 to pursue advice on Citations.

Consensus to have Central Dispatch Director Akers contact Lt. Tilley for a new meeting date and time.

Moved to submit the grant application in the amount of \$2,000.00 with the State Police for the ACT 302 Law Enforcement Distribution for 2001.

Moved to accept the resignation of Housing Board Member, John Alef with regrets, readvertise the position, and request "banking experience preferred".

Moved to adopt the Resolution for changing MERS Benefits for the POAM contract (Dispatch & Corrections) to include the F50/25 rider.

Moved to advertise for two positions on the Southwest 1/4 of Northwest 1/4 of Section 23, Town 26 North, Range 7 West; then East 377.2 feet to the right of way of M-72 as now surveyed; then Northwestly along said right of way 487.4 feet to the intersection of the County Road right of way; then Southwestly along said County Road right of way 492.5 feet to the point of beginning, being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of Northwest 1/4 of Section 23, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

Moved to adopt the County Board Rules of Order as presented.

Moved to request a legal opinion from the prosecutor relative to whether any county employee may be appointed to a County Board.

Moved to reflect \$6,000.00 for a six (6) month contract and accept all terms and conditions with the Animal Shelter of Crawford County and review a renewal by June 1,

2001.

Consensus to submit the letter from Trial Court Administrator Rudi Edell to the Law Office of Cohl, Stoker and Toskey for a legal opinion.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:49 p.m.

A full context of the meeting minutes is available in the Clerk's office.

Sandra Moore

Clerk/ Register of Deeds

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MORTGAGE SALE Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by **DENNIS M. BAUSMAN and VICKI L. BAUSMAN**, his wife, of 1839 Dewitt Trail, Roscommon, MI 48653, Mortgagors, to **COMMONPOINT MORTGAGE**, Mortgagee, dated the 8th of March, 2000, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 29th day of March, 2000, in Liber 438 of Crawford County Records, page 553, said Mortgage having been assigned to **THE BANK OF NEW YORK**, as Trustee under the pooling and servicing agreement dated as of November 30, 1997, Series 1997-D, said assignment having been recorded in Liber 504, Page 255, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Seventy Two Thousand Three Hundred Three and 43/100 (\$72,303.43), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of March, 2001 at

10 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door entrance of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 13.750% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece of parcel of land situated in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford and State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Situated in the State of Michigan, County of Crawford and in the Township of South Branch.

Being Lot 69, and part of Lot's 60,61 and 62 of the recorded plat of River Forest, being part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 21, part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 28, and part of the North 1/2 of section 29, all in T25N, R2W, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as commencing at the Southwest corner of lot 69 for a point of beginning; Thence North 33 degrees 46' West 167.00 feet; Thence North 24 degrees 09' West 82.2 feet; Thence North 50 degrees 18' East 200.00 feet; Thence North 60 degrees 11' East 100.00 feet; Thence South 17 degrees 15' East 37.6 feet; Thence South 32 degrees 40' East 204.74 feet; Thence South 43 degrees 28' West 60.2 feet; Thence 190.5 feet along the Arc of a 9 degree 28'30" curve to the right, the long chord of which bears South 52 degrees 29'30" West 189.71 feet; Thence South 61 degrees 31' West 50.0 feet to the point of beginning.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during the 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: 1/25/01

THE BANK OF NEW YORK

Mortgagee

FABRIZIO & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

JONATHAN L. ENGMAN (P56364)

Attorney for The Bank of New York

888 W. Big Beaver, Ste. 1470

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CITY OF GRAYLING TAXPAYERS PLEASE NOTE

The City of Grayling Board of Review will hold its organizational meetings on March 6, 2001 at 5:00 p.m. at City Offices located on M-72 West.

The Board will meet with the general public at the Crawford County Courthouse on the following dates and times:

Monday, March 12, 2001 9:00 am - Noon & 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Wednesday, March 14, 2001 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

2001 TENTATIVE RATIO & FACTORS

Real Class	Ratio	Factor
Commercial	49.28	1.0000
Industrial	49.21	1.0000
Residential	49.68	1.0000

Personal Class	Ratio	Factor
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Industrial	50.00	1.0000
Utility	49.99	1.0000

Respectively,

Larry D. Hunter

City Assessor

City of Grayling

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW/BUDGET HEARING/ZONING NOTICE

The Lovells Township Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 6, 2001 at 4:30 p.m.

The Lovells Township Board of Review will meet with taxpayers on Monday, March 12, 2001 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, March 13 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The following are the tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Lovells Township.

CLASS	RATIO	FACTOR
AGRICULTURAL	50.00	1.0000
COMMERCIAL	50.00	1.0000
RESIDENTIAL	50.00	1.0000
PERSONAL	50.00	1.0000

The budget hearing for the General Fund, Fire Fund, Landfill Fund, Liquor Fund and Library Fund for fiscal year 2001-2002 will be held at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Lovells Township Board on Tuesday, March 13, 2001 at 7:00 p.m.

The Zoning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals will meet for their regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00 and 9:30 a.m. at the Township Hall on Monday, April 2, 2001.

There is one opening on the Zoning Board for a four year term starting April 1, 2001. Those interested please contact the Lovells Township Supervisor at 348-9215.

Frederick Schalbly

Lovells Township Supervisor

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Crawford County Road Commission will receive sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting commencing at 10:00 a.m.) on Thursday, March 1, 2001, at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, PO Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for the following item:

FOR TWO TANDEM AXLE TRUCKS 64,000#GVWR

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Crawford County Road Commission at the above address.

Submit bids in a sealed envelope that is clearly marked with the words: **Tandem Axle Truck Bid**. The Crawford County Road Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities in the bid, to waive details in the specifications, to withhold any and all trade-in options of the Road Commission, and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners
Thomas Perry, Chairman
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman
Ken Riehle, Commissioner

NOTICE BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Beaver Creek Township Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting March 6, 2001 at 1:00 p.m. at the Beaver Creek Township Hall for the purpose of reviewing the 2001 Assessment Roll. The Board of Review will meet with taxpayers Monday, March 12, 2001, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Wednesday, March 14, 2001, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the Beaver Creek Township Hall, 8888 S. Grayling Rd., Grayling.

The following are tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Beaver Creek Township:

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	TENTATIVE FACTOR
Agriculture	40.21	1.2435
Commercial	42.12	1.1871
Industrial	49.10	1.0183
Residential	44.74	1.1176

Lee Riley

Township Supervisor

TAXPAYERS OF MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP

The Maple Forest Township Board of Review will hold its organizational meeting on March 6, 2001 at 9am.

The Board of Review will meet with the public on;

Mon., March 12

LEGAL ACTION

SYNOPSIS CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Special Board Meeting of January 30, 2001

The Special Board Meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Scott Hanson, at 10:00 a.m. in the County Building on January 30, 2001.

Roll Call: Golinick, Beardslee, Corlew, Golinick, Pinkelman and Wieland - present.

Absent: None.

Mike Dunckel, Chief Deputy Clerk - Present.

Paul Compo - County Controller - Present.

Others were present at various times.

--Moved to accept the agenda as presented.

--Moved to amend the agenda to include Department Head Reports.

--Moved to authorize a Sheriff's Department Employee to carry over vacation time for thirty (30) days.

--Moved to host a Public Meeting on Wednesday, March 14, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the disposal of the construction debris of Big Rock Nuclear Power Plant at the Waters Landfill. The meeting place to be determined later.

--Moved to adopt a new plan resolution appointing Great West as Trustee and removing MAC Service Corporation, as Trustee on the Counties 457 Deferred Compensation Plan.

--Moved to enter into an executive session to review a legal opinion with County Attorney Bonnie Toskey (10:45 a.m.).

--Moved to adjourn the Executive Session and resume the Regular Board Meeting (12:30 p.m.).

--Moved to request Commissioners submit their concerns in writing on the Court Ordered Benefit Package.

--Moved to authorize Commissioners attending the MAC Conference to vote for their representative on the MAC Board of Directors following presentations.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

A full context of the meeting minutes is on file in the Clerk's office.

Sandra Moore
County Clerk/ Register of Deeds

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Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of **TEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY-THREE AND 31/100 DOLLARS (\$10,743.31)**, including interest at 10.00% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on March 28, 2001.

Said premises are situated in CITY OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot(s) 3 and 4, Block 6, Martha M. Brinks Second Addition to the Village (Now City) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof as recorded on Liber 1 of Plats, Page(s) 29, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 15, 2001
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
248-593-1304

Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File #200025070

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TAX NUMBER: 20-062-027-001-020

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 7, 2001
Associates Housing Finance, LLC
P.O. Box 32965
Knoxville, TN 37930-2965

Mortgagee
Richard A. Green, Attorney
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 444
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025
(248) 540-7665

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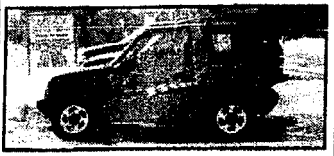
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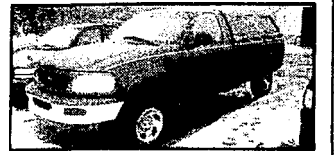
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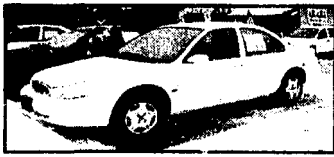
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McDonald, Scot Olson, Robert
Ramaswamy, Rachel Sells, Jamie
Shaw, William Weaver and Abby
Wheeler

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Mary Annabel, Andrew Anter,
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Sakeena Bartkowski, Patrick
Belcher, Angela Bickmann, Ashley
Bindschatel, Jessica Bobenmoyer,
Jessica Boileau, Maranda Bolden,
Erich Christman, Michael Cole, Joel
Collin, Ross Crawford, Spencer
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Charles Hughes, Mallory Johnson,
Benjamin Jones, Jonathan Kane,
Whitney Keir, Jordan Klemish,
Sarah Lange, Tara Lee, Angie
Martella, Elizabeth McLaughlin,

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Odden, Nicholas Parkinson, Patricia
Patterson, Nathan Peters, Jessica
Phillips, Mandy Pittman, Justin
Riehle, Crystal Schwartz, Doug
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Townsend, Danielle Williams,
Amber Wright and Dorothy Zarnick

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Donaldson, Kimberly Long,
Amanda Lutz, Michelle McGuire,
Drew Rasmussen, Tequila Reynolds,
Jill Seager and Rick Xiong

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Austin Andrus, Stephen Anter,
Tamara Boileau, Summer Coe, Neil
Cook, Jessica Cooper, Wayne
Cottrell, Chelsea Curriston,
Kristopher Curtis, Joey Deck, Sarah
Dent, Alexandria Fedak, Ryan
Feldhauser, Desiree Felver, Amber
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Longendyke, Jesse Morley, Chelsea
Papendick, Dustin Pizzi, Kellan
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Sloan, Steven Stilson, Lauren
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Mark Wejrowski, Samantha
Wilkerson, Chelsea Wolcott and
Jamie Wyss

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Holly Derenzy, Hope Guardado,
Jennifer Long, Anthony Neal, Tracy
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Nikki Lynch, Casey Mahaffy,
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Grayling Middle School News

Submitted by Parent
Improvement Team,
Grayling Middle School

Middle School Band Concert – On Thursday, February 22, at 7 p.m. the middle school band will be playing its Band Festival selections at the high school. The Eastern Michigan University Band will also perform at the event.

March is reading month – Try to promote any type of reading throughout the month of March.

February 28 – Adult Recognition Breakfast – The 7th graders were asked to nominate an adult that has made a positive influence in their lives, and they provided several responses. Nominated adults will be invited to attend the breakfast with the child that nominated them.

Diligent Friday – 7th graders that completed all their assignments took part in a variety of enrichment activities at "Diligent Friday." Activities included Russian Art, Math Shapes, Invertebrate Dissection, and Computers.

March 1 – Half day of school. Dismissal begins at 12:16 p.m.

March 3 – Middle School District Band Festival will be held in Elk Rapids. If you have a child in band, they will be required to attend the all-day event. Chaperones are still needed, contact Mr. Ormsbee or Mr. Gott to volunteer.

March 6 – The middle school and high school choirs will be holding their pre-festival concert at the high school at 7 p.m.

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The first clinic is scheduled for March 14, from 8 a.m. until surgeries are completed. It will be held at Simons Veterinary Clinic in Elmira. Dr. Donna Simons, DVM, will perform the surgeries for \$15 per male cat. She will also offer discounted vaccinations: rabies \$5, yearly rabies booster \$13 and feline leukemia \$7.

The second clinic is scheduled for March 21, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at the Atlanta Veterinary Clinic. Dr. Walter Bungard, DVM will perform the surgeries at the same cost of \$15 per male cat. Low cost vaccinations will not be offered at this clinic.

Space is limited at each clinic. Transportation may be arranged. Call Dixie Lobsinger at (517) 348-9178 for directions, appointment or with any questions pertaining to these upcoming clinics.

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So, whether you are in need of Interpreting Services, wish to take a class and learn how to communicate with deaf individuals yourself, or to utilize any of the services mentioned give Helping Hands a call.

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For more information call the Crawford County Library at 348-9214. Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; and Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Lovells Township Library is open Tuesday-Thursday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday noon to 3 p.m. Phone is 348-9215

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GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

The Grayling Police Department handled the following 51 complaints during the week of January February 11-17:

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Applications must be received by the OMH Foundation Office by March 31, 2001. Applications are available from area high school guidance counselors and from the OMH Foundation Office.

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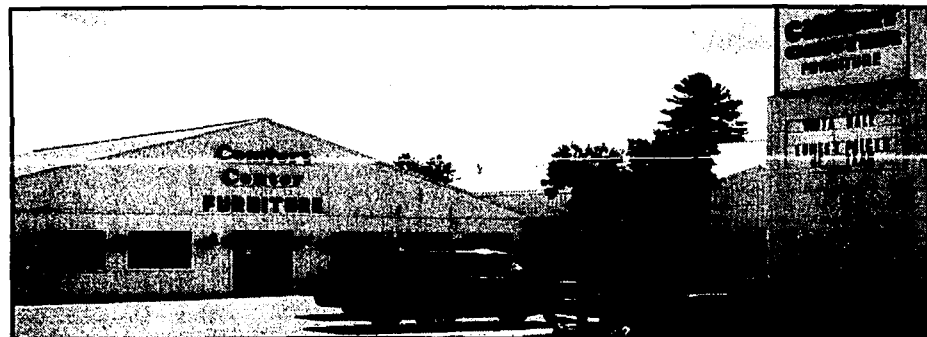
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VARSITY BOYS/GIRLS SKI TEAMS

Skiers split in league competition

Teams defeat Harrison, fall to Mt. Pleasant

► Grayling also competes in Burger King Invitational at Hanson Hills

On Monday, February 12, the Grayling High School ski teams made up a postponed meet with Harrison and Mt. Pleasant at Hanson Hills. Both Grayling teams split, defeating Harrison but falling to Mt. Pleasant.

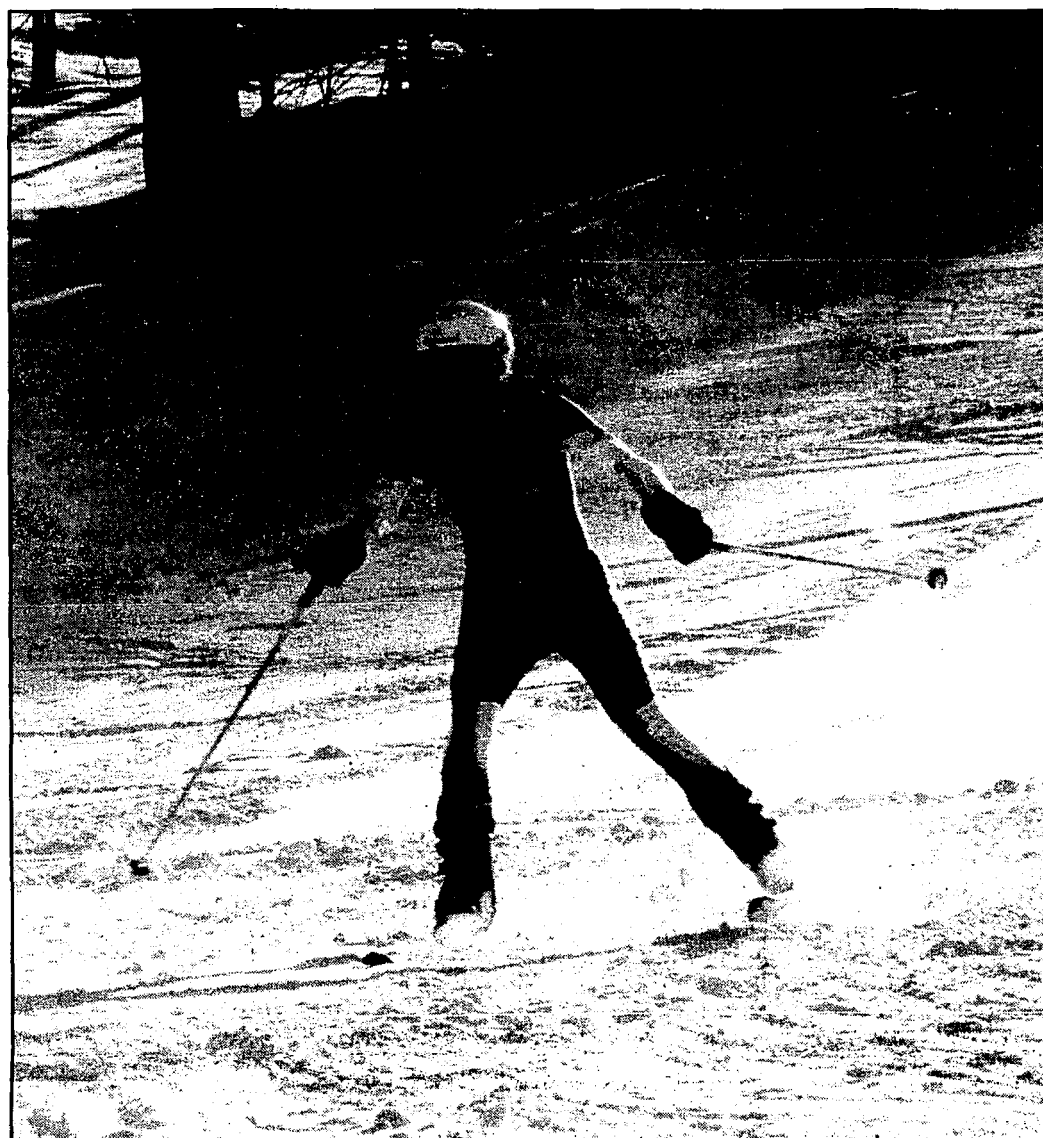
The GHS girls team edged Harrison 37-38 and lost to Mt. Pleasant 53-23.

The top skier for the Grayling girls team was Kelly Jansen with two 1st place finishes against Harrison and a 3rd (slalom) and 4th (giant slalom) against Mt. Pleasant. Andria Alvarez placed 2nd in slalom and 6th in giant slalom (GS) against Harrison and 6th and 8th against Mt. Pleasant. Lesley Gilbert placed 9th and 3rd against Harrison and 9th and 6th against Mt. Pleasant. Shalee Cox took 8th and 10th against Harrison and 8th and 10th against Mt. Pleasant. Heather Vandecar did not race in slalom and placed 7th in GS against Harrison and 9th against Mt. Pleasant.

In the boys competition, Matt Ginther and Paul Jansen again led the GS field with 1st and 2nd place finishes against both Harrison and Mt. Pleasant. Ginther placed 1st in slalom against both schools and Jansen was 3rd in slalom and 2nd in

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See "SKIERS SPLIT..."



Kelly Jansen competes in a slalom event for Grayling's girls ski team.

Photo by Caleb Casey



Matt Ginther
State Qualifier



Kelly Jansen
State Qualifier

Two Grayling skiers qualify for State Finals

► Matt Ginther, Kelly Jansen ski well at Regionals to earn spot at State

On Thursday, February 15, 26 area teams (13 boys teams and 13 girls teams) raced at Crystal Mountain in Regional ski competition. Only the three top teams of 13 advance to the State Finals.

The top skiers in slalom and giant slalom (GS) can also qualify individually.

The Vikings did not finish high enough to go to the State Finals as a team, but Kelly Jansen and Matt Ginther each qualified individually. Jansen qualified in GS, and Ginther qualified in both slalom and GS.

The Grayling girls team skied to an 8th place finish at Regionals, led by Jansen. Jansen placed 14th in slalom -- 0.7 seconds from qualifying for State -- and 10th in GS, good enough to earn a spot at the finals. Andria Alvarez was 24th in slalom

and 25th in GS; Lesley Gilbert placed 42nd and 44th; Heather Vandecar took 46th in both races; and Shalee Cox was 59th and 66th.

The girls team competition was won by Traverse City St. Francis, with Manistee and Glen Lake also advancing to the State Finals.

The boys competition was won by Suttons Bay. The Vikings took fifth behind Glen Lake, Manistee, and Traverse City St. Francis.

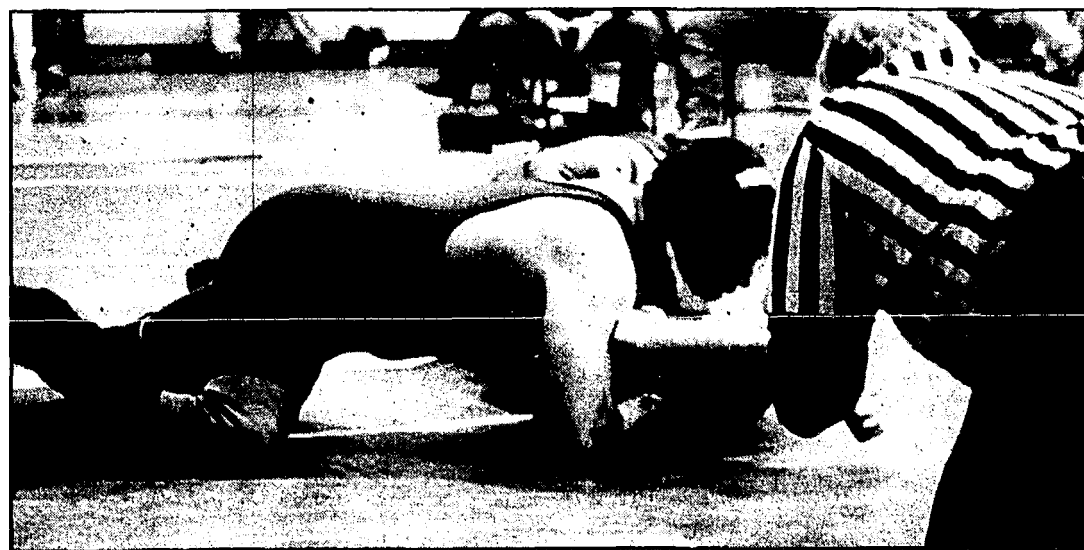
"Our boys needed a top-notch day to compete with the schools that all train at Crystal Mountain," said Coach Mike Wieland. "We started a little cautious in giant slalom, placing 7th, and skied much better in slalom to finish 5th."

Ginther led the boys team in scoring with a 10th place finish in GS and a 6th place finish in slalom. Paul Jansen was 16th and 27th, Derek Quick placed 27th and 42nd, Eric Hart was 30th in slalom, Keil Clough placed 40th in slalom and 43rd in GS, Ben McNally placed 36th and 52nd, and Eric Hunter finished 66th in GS.

VARSITY WRESTLING TEAM

FOUR VIKINGS QUALIFY FOR REGIONALS

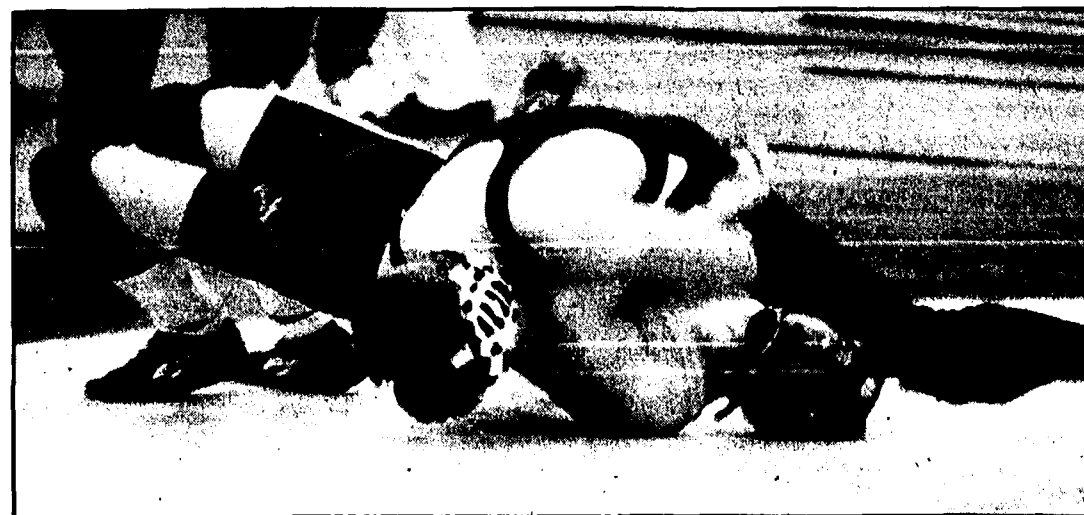
At Districts, CdeBaca, Peters, Malone, & Pratt advance



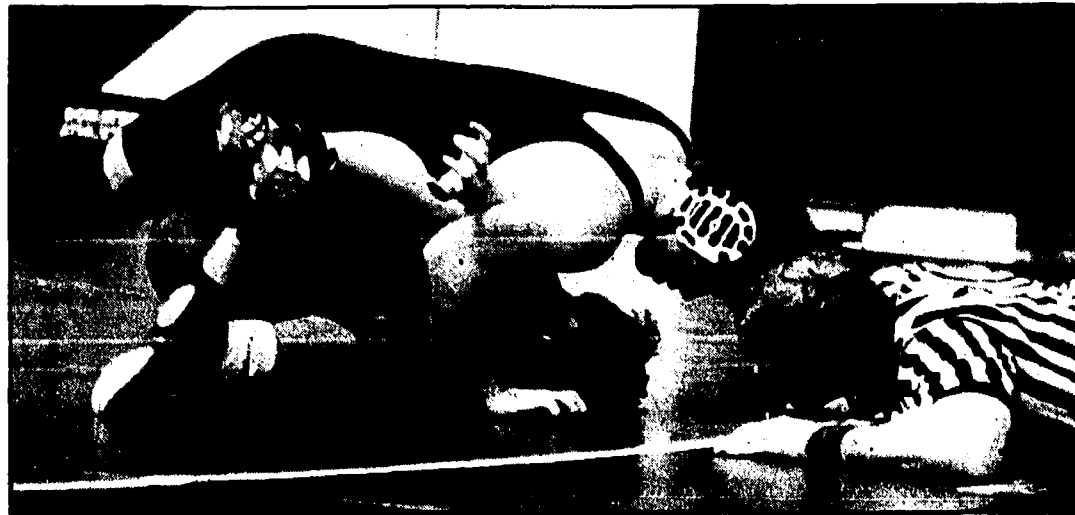
Victor CdeBaca wrestles at Districts on Saturday.



Adam Malone, a freshman, celebrates his Regional qualification.



Brandon Pratt goes for a pin during Districts competition.



The referee looks in as Chris Peters goes for a pin on Saturday.

(SEE PAGE 4B FOR STORY, "FOUR VIKINGS QUALIFY...")

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JV team hangs on, beats Spartans

► Vikings win a low-scoring game against the Spartans of Pinconning

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Grayling High School's JV boys basketball team held on to win a close game against the Spartans of Pinconning last Tuesday in Grayling 42-35.

A low-scoring first quarter set the pace for the rest of the game. Grayling scored first, 1:30 into the first period, on a shot inside by Joe Zelek. A jumper by Zelek put GHS up 4-0. Two baskets by Chris Wakeley and four points by Roy Czapke helped give the Vikings a 12-6 lead after eight minutes of play.

Pinconning made up some ground in the second quarter, outscoring Grayling 12-7 in the period. The Spartans capitalized on Grayling foul trouble, scoring 10 of their 18 first half points at the free throw line.

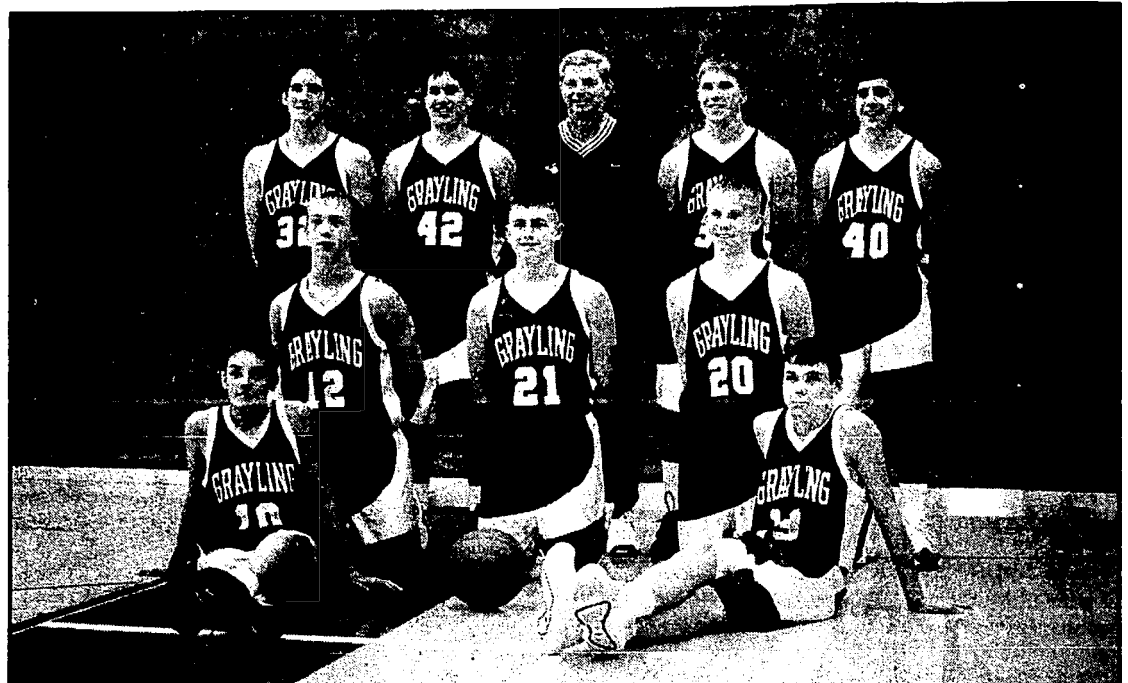
Grayling had a 19-18 edge at half-time.

In another low-scoring eight minutes, GHS scored seven points to Pinconning's five in the third period to lead 26-23 going into the fourth quarter.

A three-point play by Zelek and a triple by Adam Kaiser accounted for six of Grayling's seven third quarter points.

The Vikings opened the fourth period with two free throws by Kaiser. A jumper by Pinny pulled the Spartans back within three.

Grayling then scored five unanswered points on a drive by Brett Mead, a free throw by Wakeley, and



The 2000-01 junior varsity boys basketball team: (front, left to right) Adam Kaiser, Chris Wakeley; (middle, left to right) Jesse Gildner, Roy Czapke, Chad Helsel; (back, left to right) Joe Zelek, Greg Morrill, Coach Butch Hayes, James Kenney, Brett Mead.

a put-back by Kaiser to take a 33-25 lead.

Two free throws by Pinconning at the 5:29 mark brought the Spartans within six. A free throw by Czapke put GHS up by seven.

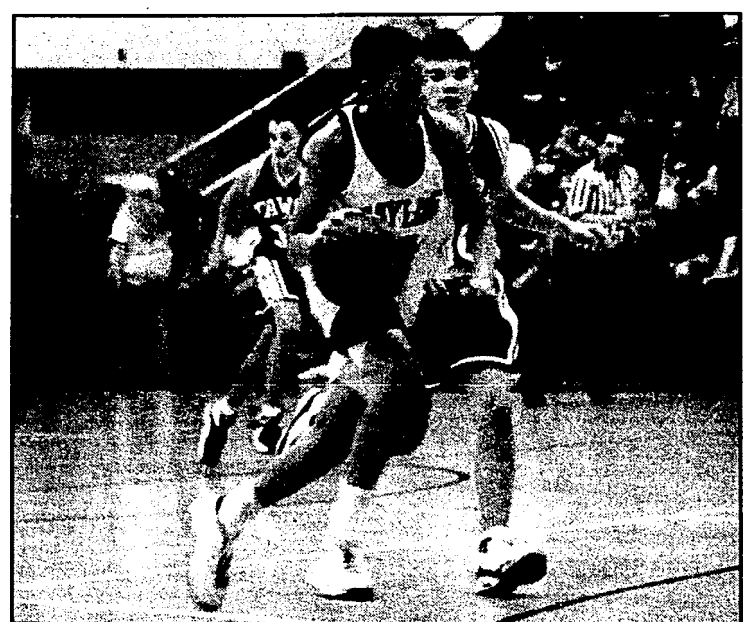
A three-point play by Pinconning cut Grayling's lead to four. The Spartans brought full court pressure defense, which Grayling broke for a fast break lay-up by James Kenney. A free throw by Kaiser put Grayling up by seven (37-30) with 3:22 left in the game.

The Vikings ran some time off the clock, but turned the ball over. After a Grayling foul, Pinny went to the line but missed both shots. The Vikings grabbed the rebound, but committed another turnover, giving the ball right back to the Spartans.

Grayling was called for another foul. Pinconning hit one at the line to pull within six, 37-31. At the other end, Kaiser converted a pair of free throws to put GHS up 39-31. Grayling got the ball back, and added one more point on a free throw by Zelek.

The Spartans turned the ball over, then got a steal. Grayling forced a tie-up, but the possession arrow favored Pinny. The Spartans got one point out of the possession on a free throw. Pinconning got the ball back, and hit one more free throw on another trip to the line. Pinny rebounded the miss on the second shot and scored a put-back to pull within five, 40-35, with one minute left to play in regulation.

Pinconning fouled Zelek, the ball



Adam Kaiser drives for Grayling.

carrier, to stop the clock. He hit one of two at the line to put GHS up by six. The Spartans failed to convert at the other end, and Grayling snagged the rebound. Pinconning fouled Wakeley to stop the clock at 0:33. Wakeley hit one free throw to give Grayling a seven-point advantage, 42-35.

The Spartans could not convert another basket. After several Pinconning shot attempts, Zelek brought down the defensive rebound and Grayling killed the last few seconds to hang on for the win. The Vikings won by a final score of 42-35.

The leading scorer for Grayling

was Kaiser with 12. Zelek scored 11.

The Vikings put in a solid effort at West Branch on Friday, but lost to the host Ogemaw Heights Falcons 45-40. Grayling trailed 24-18 at halftime, and 32-25 at the end of the third quarter. The Vikings made a run in the fourth period, but came up a little short.

"The kids played really well," said Coach Butch Hayes. "They were aggressive, they attacked. It was a physical game. Lange and Zelek boarded well."

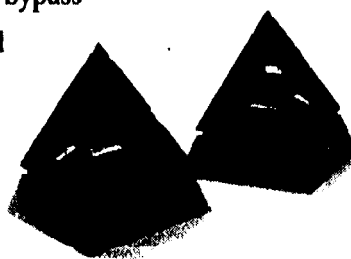
Leading scorers for Grayling against Ogemaw were Lange (13) and Wakeley (12).

The Vikings will play at Tawas this Friday. On Tuesday, February 27, the JV team will play at Roscommon at 6:00 p.m. The team will wrap up its 2000-01 season on Friday, March 2, with a home game against the Oscoda Owls.

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Vikings score 84 against Spartans

► GHS wins on Tuesday, suffers a league setback with loss to Ogemaw

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Grayling High School's varsity boys basketball team got off to a slow start on offense last Tuesday against Pinconning, but picked up steam in the final three quarters to rack up 84 points on the visiting Spartans. The win improved Grayling's conference record to 8-2.

Against Pinconning, Grayling did not score a point for the first four minutes of the contest. The Vikings held strong defensively, however, keeping Pinconning's offense under control with several steals and deflections. Unforced Spartan turnovers also helped Grayling's cause.

At the 3:51 mark, Marcus Bobenmoyer scored a put-back for Grayling's first points of the match. A triple by Bobenmoyer put GHS up 5-3. R.J. Schmidt sank a three-pointer at the 2:16 mark. A fast break lay-up by Nick D'Amour and a jumper by Schmidt gave Grayling a 12-5 lead.

The Vikings led 12-7 after one quarter.

The Vikings started pouring in points in the second period, adding an impressive 31 points to their total before the halftime buzzer.

Second quarter highlights included two triples by Schmidt and one by Bobenmoyer. Marcus Marelich, playing well under the basket, scored six points in the quarter. Brad Gorski and Levi Burkett combined for 10 second period points.

The Vikings led 43-26 at half-time.

Grayling scored 21 more points in the third quarter, including (in order): a put-back by Dave Golnick, a jumper by Schmidt, two fast break lay-ups by Burkett, a jump shot by Schmidt, a shot inside by Golnick, a jumper by Burkett on an assist from Golnick, two baskets by Marelich,

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VARSITY BASKETBALL STANDINGS (as of Saturday, February 17)

team	league	overall
Tawas	11-0	17-0
Ogemaw Heights	9-3	10-6
GRAYLING	8-3	10-5
Gladwin	8-3	10-6
Oscoda	4-8	5-12
BC John Glenn	3-8	5-11
Standish Sterling	3-9	4-12
Pinconning	0-12	2-15

NEMC standings compiled by
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and a bucket by Burkett.

GHS had a 16-point advantage going into the fourth quarter, 65-39.

The Vikings cruised through the fourth quarter with 19 points to win the game by a final score of 84-62.

Grayling scored fourth quarter points on a shot inside by Marelich, a three-point play by Bobenmoyer, two jumpers by Burkett, two free throws by Larry Baynham, two free throws by Schmidt, a free throw by Ryan Swope, a three-point play by Schmidt, and a put-back by Baynham.

Scoring leaders for Grayling were Burkett and Schmidt with 20 points apiece. Bobenmoyer scored 14, and Marelich added 12. Ten Vikings scored in the match in all.

"Our kids played with a lot of intensity at the defensive end tonight," said Coach Rich Moffit. "We did a nice job of stepping into the passing lanes and making things difficult for Pinny."

On Friday, the Vikings fell to third place in the NEMC with a 73-60 loss to West Branch Ogemaw Heights at West Branch. The Falcons took over second place in the conference with the victory.

Gorski was Grayling's leading scorer with 20. He finished with 12 assists for a double-double. Schmidt scored 17 points, and Bobenmoyer added 12.

The Vikings will play the league-leading Tawas Braves on Friday at Tawas. On Tuesday, February 27, the Vikings will play at



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Marcus Bobenmoyer drives against Pinconning.

Roscommon. On Friday, March 2, team's final regular season game of Grayling will host Oscoda in the year.



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GHS varsity boys basketball team vs. West Branch 2/16

Player	2 pt.	3 pt.	f.t.	asts.	rebs.	tips	stls.	t.o.	blks.	pts.
Gorski	5/11	1/3	7/11	12	5	14	1	5	-	20
Burkett	2/14	0/2	1/3	3	2	3	2	1	-	5
Marelich	0/3	-	-	-	6	1	1	2	-	-
Bobenmoyer	4/11	1/4	1/2	-	4	2	1	3	1	12
Youngblood	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Golnick	0/1	-	-	2	5	1	-	2	-	-
Mead	1/3	-	-	-	3	2	-	1	-	2
Mahaffy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Graube	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Schmidt	3/7	3/6	2/2	1	3	1	1	2	-	17
Fox	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Baynham	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
D'Amour	1/2	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	-	-
Latusek	1/1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Swope	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	16/52	5/13	11/17	18	30	25	6	20	1	60

KEY: 2 pt.=two-point shots/attempt 3 pt.=three-point shots/attempt f.t.=free throws/attempt asts.=assists
rebs.=rebounds tips=tips stls.=steals t.o.=turnovers blks.=blocks pts.=points (total)

GHS varsity boys basketball team vs. Pinconning 2/13

Player	2 pt.	3 pt.	f.t.	asts.	rebs.	tips	stls.	t.o.	blks.	pts.
Gorski	1/5	0/1	2/2	15	3	16	2	3	-	4
Burkett	8/17	-	4/4	2	2	4	2	7	1	20
Marelich	6/10	-	0/1	2	4	4	2	1	-	12
Bobenmoyer	3/8	2/4	2/3	3	4	4	2	1	1	14
Youngblood	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Golnick	2/2	-	-	2	4	2	-	1	-	4
Mead	1/2	-	-	1	3	2	3	1	-	2
Mahaffy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Schmidt	4/7	3/4	3/3	1	4	4	1	4	-	20
Fox	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Baynham	1/2	-	2/2	-	6	1	-	2	-	4
D'Amour	1/5	-	1/2	1	1	1	-	-	-	3
Latusek	0/1	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-
Swope	-	-	1/2	-	2	-	-	1	-	1
TOTAL	27/63	5/9	13/21	26	34	38	12	23	2	84

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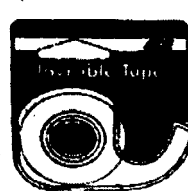
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Skiers split in league competition

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GS against both. Keil Clough placed 4th in slalom and 7th in GS against Harrison and 5th and 8th against Mt. Pleasant. Derek Quick placed 5th in slalom and 8th in GS against Harrison and 9th in both events versus Mt. Pleasant. Ben McNally placed 6th in slalom and 10th in GS against Harrison and 10th and 12th against Mt. Pleasant. Eric Hunter placed 6th in GS against Harrison and 7th against Mt. Pleasant. Eric Hart placed 7th in slalom against Harrison and 11th against Mt. Pleasant.

The Vikings finished just one point behind Mt. Pleasant, 38-37, ending the boys team's league winning streak at 29 meets. Grayling defeated Harrison 29-50.

On Tuesday, February 13, four area ski teams competed in the Burger King Invitational at Hanson Hills.

In the girls competition, Clare won with a team score of 38. Roscommon took 2nd at 77, Grayling (82) finished 3rd, and Farwell (104) took 4th.

The Grayling girls finished with Alvarez leading the combined places of 6th in both slalom and GS. Vandecar placed 9th in slalom and 10th in GS. Kelly Jansen lost a ski in slalom and was disqualified and placed 2nd in GS. Gilbert placed 10th and 17th. Cox disqualified in slalom losing a ski and 19th in GS.

Grayling and Clare tied for first place in the boys competition with team scores of 50. Farwell placed 2nd at 89 and Roscommon (103) took 3rd.

Ginther and Jansen led the field of 24 boys in GS, finishing 1st and 2nd. Slalom results were very different for the two, with Ginther qualifying and Jansen falling, finishing 25th and 15th.

The rest of the team stepped up to help out. Clough finished 7th in GS and 5th in slalom. Quick placed 10th and 9th. McNally placed 17th and 10th. Hart saved the day with a 6th place finish in the slalom event to assure the Vikings a share of the meet title. Hunter placed 11th in GS to finish the running order for



Photo by Caleb Casey

Matt Ginther competes in giant slalom for GHS.

Grayling.



The invitational meet was sponsored by Burger King of Grayling. Burger King provided medals, as well as cheeseburgers for all the racers.

"(The meet) adds a very nice day to our ski season," said Coach Mike Wieland.

The Conference Meet has been rescheduled for Thursday, February 22, at Silver Ridge.

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Vikings of the Week

Eric Hart

Kelly Jansen

Skiing

Coach: Mike Wieland

ERIC HART & KELLY JANSEN

Eric had two good slalom races, placing 3rd and 4th on Grayling's team for important finishes in both league and regional competition. Kelly led the Vikings in four races in league and regional competition and qualified for the state finals.

Four vikings qualify for Regionals

► Two seniors and two freshmen place well at Districts, earn Regionals bid

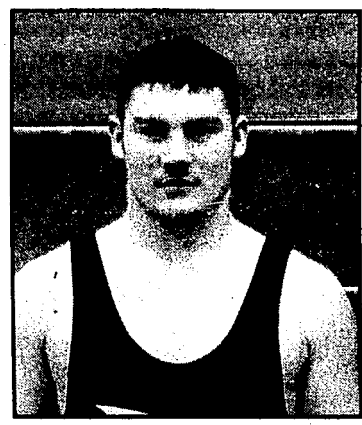
Four Grayling High School wrestlers qualified to compete in Regionals by placing well at Districts this past Saturday.

At Districts, held in Gladwin this year, Victor CdeBaca (189), Chris Peters (171), Brandon Pratt (152), and Adam Malone (112) all earned a trip to Regionals by placing in the top-four of their respective weight classes.

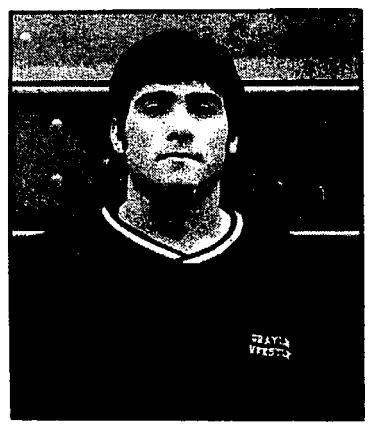
CdeBaca took 2nd, Peters finished 1st, and Malone and Pratt each took 4th.

CdeBaca, a senior, has now qualified for Regionals three times in his high school wrestling career. Peters, also a senior, will be making his second trip to Regionals. Pratt and Malone are both freshmen, qualifying in their first year of high school wrestling.

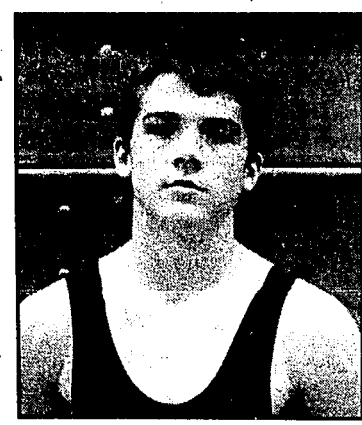
Regionals will be held in Alma on February 24. Wrestlers that place well at Regionals will advance to the State Wrestling Finals in Detroit's Joe Louis Arena, to be held on March 8-10.



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Freshman basketball team falls to Tawas

► 9th grade team loses to visiting Braves 66-57

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The GHS freshman boys basketball team lost to the visiting Braves of Tawas last Thursday by a final score of 66-57.

The Vikings led 16-14 after one quarter, but the Braves pulled away in the last three quarters to come away with the win. Grayling made a run in the fourth quarter, but Tawas was able to weather it.

Grayling scored first period points on a fast break lay-up by Chad Helsel, a drive by Tyler Knapp, a jump shot by Greg Morrill, a lay-up by Travis Gildner on a fast break, a jumper by Knapp, a triple by Knapp, and a three-point play by Knapp.

Tawas outscored GHS 22-8 in the second period to take a 36-24 lead at halftime. The Braves helped their cause with solid play under the boards.

Grayling's only points in the second period resulted from a lay-up by Helsel, a drive by Phil Armstrong, a triple by Helsel, and a free throw by Sean Kelly.

Tawas went on a 12-4 run to open the second half. At the 3:45 mark, Helsel scored a basket inside on an assist from Armstrong, who passed the ball in to Helsel while diving out of bounds for the save. Armstrong scored three baskets for Grayling in the last 2:15 of the third period to pull Grayling within 13, 48-35, going into the fourth quarter.

A triple by Andy Strohpaul brought Grayling within 10. A jumper by Kelly and a tip-in by Armstrong cut the Tawas lead to eight, 50-42.

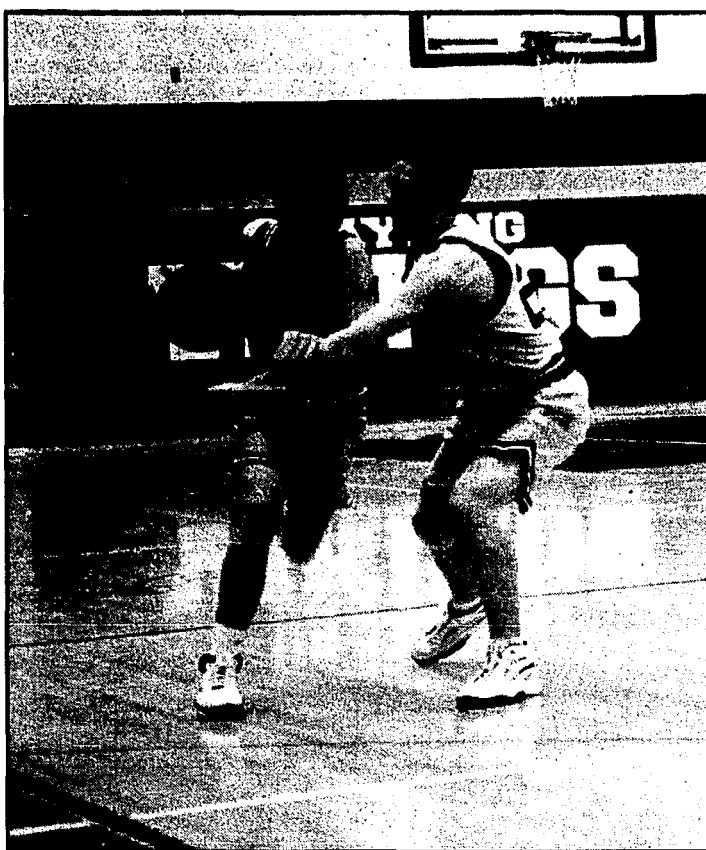
The Braves fought back, then a triple by Helsel with 4:30 left in the game brought Grayling back within 10, 56-46.

Tawas scored, then two baskets by Morrill pulled GHS within eight.

The Braves hit two free throws on a one and one chance, then Grayling scored three points on a jumper by Helsel and a free throw by Armstrong to bring GHS within seven, 60-53.

The Vikings would not get any closer than seven, however, and the Braves won the match 66-57.

Helsel was the scoring leader for Grayling with 17 points. Armstrong added 12, and Knapp



Andy Strohpaul drives past mid-court for Grayling.

finished with 10.

The freshman team will wrap up

its season this week with a match

at Oscoda on Thursday.

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479.

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Day, 204; S. Romain, 197.
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Dannenberg, 541; J. Cousins and S.
Romain, 511.

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Wakeley, 214; S. Miller, 207.
High Series Men: B. Starks, 601; R.
Adkinson, 582; J. Helsel, 549.
High Game Women: L. Hanson,
205; M. Starks, 203; L. Dannenberg,
194.
High Series Women: L.
Dannenberg, 546; M. Miller, 540; J.
Hinds, 513.

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Devins, 243; D. Yanniello, 235.
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and T. Kotrash, 603; J. Arwood, 598.
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Moore's Automotive... 35 - 14
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Forrest Brothers... 19 - 30
Upper Lakes Tire... 18 - 31
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Smith, 255; J. Helsel, 252.
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Henning, 637; J. Helsel, 626.

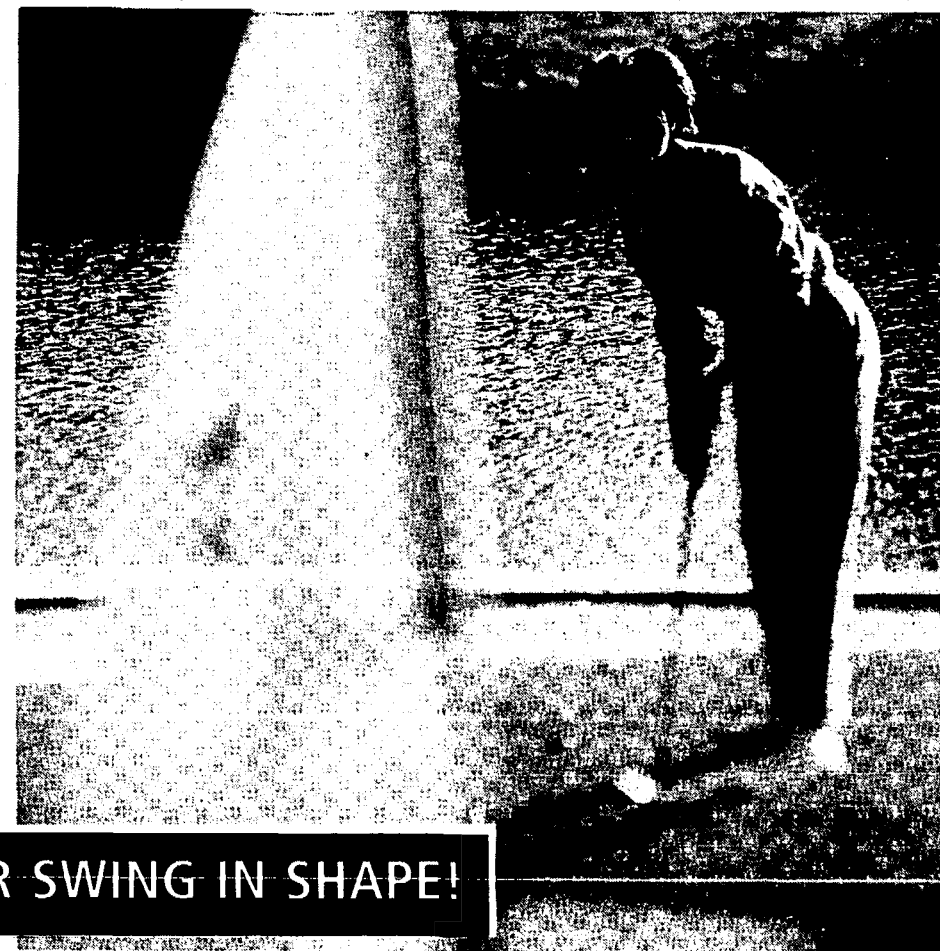
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Hart Pontiac-GMC... 33-9
Hellebuyck Masonry... 24 - 18
Northern Whitetail... 23 - 19
Legion Lanes... 21 - 21
Forest Brothers... 18 - 24

Swamp II... 18 - 24
Faustman's Insurance... 18 - 24
Miller's Production... 11 - 31
High Game: P. Miller, 248; P.
Faustman, 238; T. Sheldon, 236.
High Series: P. Miller, 675; P.
Faustman, 630; J. Hunt, 623.
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Tees 'N Such... 50.5 - 33.5
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Wolfe, 199; L. Crampton, 194.
High Series Men: D. Germain, 567;
K. Harris, 546; G. Wolfe, 538.
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201; H. Spencer, 190; R. Joyce, 187.
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553; I. Hatfield, 506; R. Joyce, 487.

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Emma's proud parents are:
Jaymie & Joe Camp
Grandparent:
Grandma Karen Horn
and Susan & James Camp



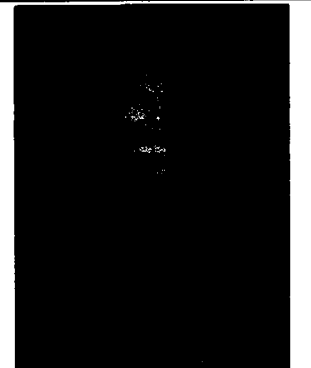
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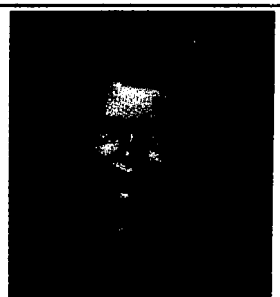
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Grandparents:
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Jim & Aredth Claucherty
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Grandparents:
Lenny & Debbie Lobsinger



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Grandparents:
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and Jan Niederer



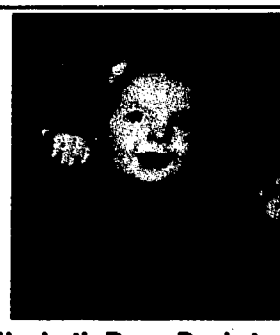
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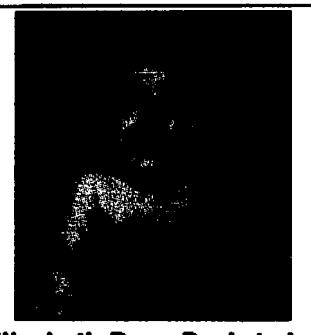
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Todd & Melissa Hull



Randy Edward Wayne Allison
Born on 12/7/00
Randy's proud parents are:
Randy & Melissa Allison



Elizabeth Rose Dockstader
Born on 8/23/00
Elizabeth's proud parent is:
Susan Lynn Dedafae
Grandparents:
Larry & Cindy Dedafae



Elizabeth Rose Dockstader
Born on 8/23/00
Elizabeth's proud parent is:
Susan Lynn Dedafae
Grandparents:
Larry & Cindy Dedafae



Lauren Garrigus
Born on 10/19/98
Lauren's proud parents are:
Mary & Jim Garrigus
Grandparents:
Betty & Ken Pearl,
Jayne & Jerry Garrigus and
Richard Kosinski



Alec Pearl
Born on 5/18/98
Alec's proud parents are:
John & Kathy Pearl
Grandparents:
Betty & Ken Pearl,
Jim & Aredth Claucherty
and Carol Pearl



Joseph Elias Barnett
Born on 3/4/97
Joseph's proud parents are:
Rosemary Reynolds & Kevin Barnett
Grandparents:
Roy & Grace Davis



Natalie Ragnone
Born on 11/24/00
Natalie's proud parents are:
Patty & Larry Ragnone
Grandparents:
Betty & Ken Pearl,
Deloris & Larry Ragnone
and Richard Kosinski



Hannah Christian Smock
Born on 4/17/00
Hannah's proud parents are:
Joe & Karen Smock
Grandparents:
Bob & Barb Smock and
Gene & Shirley Rauch



Stephanie M. Dmytrusz
Born on 7/18/00
Stephanie's proud parents are:
Steve & Susan Dmytrusz
Grandparents:
Russ & Diane Bergendahl



Lance Thomas Gauthier
Born on 11/28/00
Lance's proud parents are:
Thomas & Christine Gauthier
Grandparents:
Harvey & Elfriede Gauthier
and Barbara Zoulek



Taylor Marie Starks
Born on 7/24/2000
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Grandparents:
Dan and Linda Starks,
June Minshall



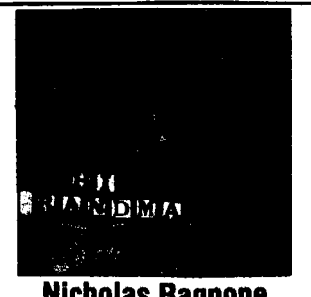
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Thelia's proud parents are:
Mark and Elizabeth Schuster
Grandparents:
James and Jewel Schuster



Lyric Marie Leas
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Lyric's proud
grandparents are:
Hal & Jacqueline Leas



Michael Ragnone
Born on 5/10/96
Michael's proud parents are:
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Grandparents:
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Deloris & Larry Ragnone
and Richard Kosinski



Nicholas Ragnone
Born on 12/7/98
Nicholas's proud parents are:
Patty & Larry Ragnone
Grandparents:
Betty & Ken Pearl,
Deloris & Larry Ragnone and
Richard Kosinski



Erica Jade Umlor
Born on 9/8/98
Erica's proud parent is:
Deborah Umlor
Grandparents:
Harold & Esther Umlor



Christopher Frederick
Born on 6/3/00
Christopher's proud parents are:
Chris & Dorothy Frederick
Grandparents:
Cyndi & Rick Salesky and Barb Von



Carly Frank
Born on 7/8/98
Carly's proud parents are:
Jared and Maribeth Frank
Grandparents:
Bill and Carolyn Boone



Yan Yaroshevich
Born on 8/6/99
Yan's proud parents are:
Theresa & Alexander Yaroshevich
Grandparent:
Marjory Bodi



Abby Marie Weitz
Born on 11/18/96
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Mike & Wendy Weitz
Grandparents:
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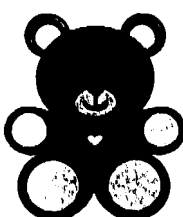
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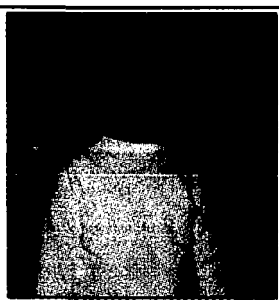
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Gordon & Connie Beard
Grandparents:
Bob & Joann Beard
and John & Jackie McKerchie



Meghan Beard
Born on 7/8/96
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Grandparents:
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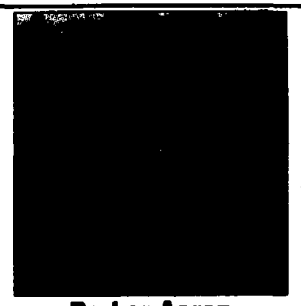
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Renee & Mike Joseph
Grandparents:
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and Connie & Jewell Joseph



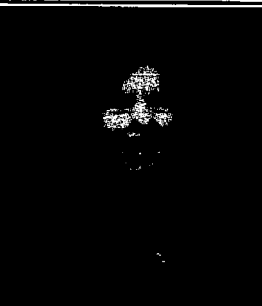
Devin Joseph
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Devin's proud parents are:
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Grandparents:
Denise & Jerry Elekonich
and Connie & Jewell Joseph



Jordan Robertson
Born on 12/4/00
Jordan's proud parents are:
Maria & Greg Robertson
Grandparents:
Ray & Mickey Perez



**Parker Aaron
Learman-Blaauw**
Born on 8/10/00
Parker's proud parents are:
Jerome Learman & Brie Blaauw
Grandparents:
Jed & Mary K. Blaauw



Esther Huff
Born on 2/10/99
Esther's proud parents are:
Donald & Amy (Smith) Huff
Grandparents:
Shirley & Norm Schmoock



Cierra Prosser
Born on 11/22/96
Cierra's proud parents are:
Max and Jackie Prosser
Grandparents:
Jon and Jan Cragg



Zaynah Lee Malonen
Born on 10/23/97
Zaynah's proud parents are:
Monte Malonen Jr. & Amanda Ray
Grandparents:
Scott & Jonni Malone, and
Monte Malonen, Dave & Sue Ray



Erin & Emma Prosser
Born on 3/8/99
Erin & Emma's proud parents are:
Max and Jackie Prosser
Grandparents:
Jon and Jan Cragg



Jocelyn Kohnert
Born on 11/28/98
Jocelyn's proud parents are:
Trish & Jeremiah Kohnert
Grandparents:
Joe & Glenda Duncley



Hailey Eames
Born on 7/31/97
Hailey's proud parents are:
Steven & Cristina Eames
Grandparents:
Harold & Jayetta Eames
and David & Beth Hubbard



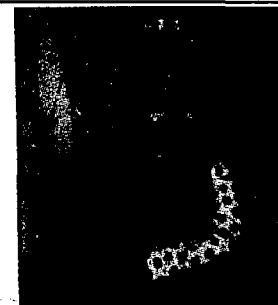
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Chase's proud parent is:
Denise Labo
Grandparents:
Al and Laura Labo



Dylan Jaskowski
Born on 3/2/97
Dylan's proud parents are:
Richard Jaskowski &
Kathleen Kaufman
Grandparents:
Richard & Rosemary Kaufman
and Joe & Felicia Jaskowski



Haley Marie Kocefas
Born on 2/1/00
Haley's proud parents are:
Pete & Cathy Kocefas
Grandparents:
Arlene Czuba and Mary Kocefas



Danielle Lynne Cinciala
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Scott & Denise Cinciala



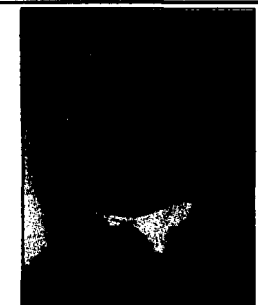
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Grandparents:
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and Louie O'dell



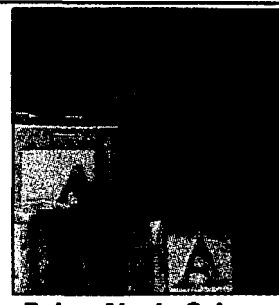
Brianna Paige Gugin
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Brianna's proud parents are:
Gary Gugin & April Contreras
Grandparents:
Margaret & Gary Gugin
and Louie O'dell



Callie Jo Beck
Born on 9/13/98
Callie's proud parents are:
Don & Darcy Beck
Grandparents:
Greg & Julie McClain



Gunner Metzger
Born on 3/28/97
Gunner's proud parents are:
Dale & Janna Metzger
Grandparent:
Ron Metzger



Paige Alexis Scheer
Born on 2/2/00
Paige's proud parents are:
Brad & Charlene Scheer
Grandparents:
Phyllis Scheer
and Charles & Marilyn Fry



Hayley Ann Pittman
Born on 12/7/99
Hayley's proud parents are:
Randy & Lori Pittman
Grandparents:
Greg & Julie McClain



Clay Jaskowski
Born on 3/30/99
Clay's proud parents are:
Richard Jaskowski &
Kathleen Kaufman
Grandparents:
Richard & Rosemary Kaufman
and Joe & Felicia Jaskowski



Peri Nicole Scheer
Born on 1/9/98
Peri's proud parents are:
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Grandparents:
Phyllis Scheer
and Charles & Marilyn Fry



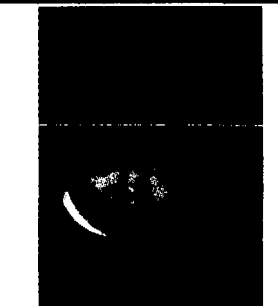
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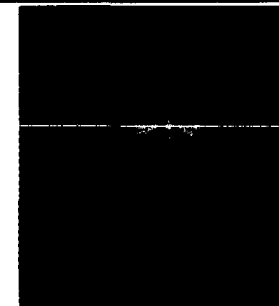
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Darien's proud parents are:
Maryah & Rick Rohde
Grandparents:
Dale & Marie Rohde and
Connie & Earl Ritter
and John Stamply



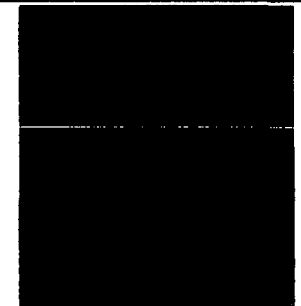
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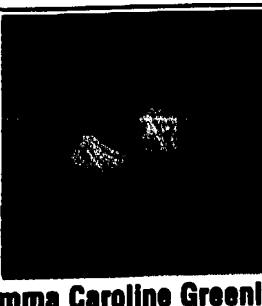
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Kalei Glozier
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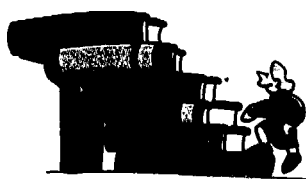
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John & Cindy Jones



Emma Caroline Greenlee
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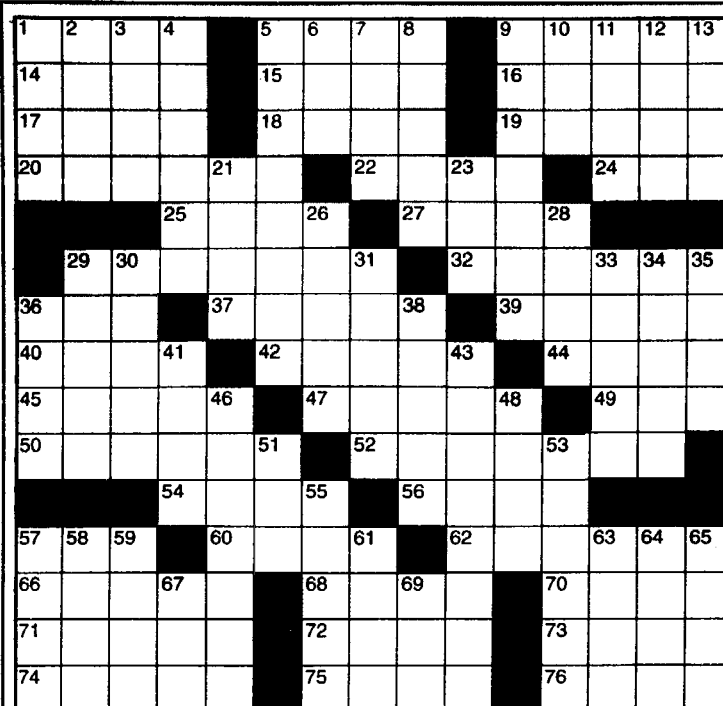
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5. Actor Edelman
9. Below
14. Contemporary of Douglas and Ike
15. Fat
16. Kite claw
17. Spirited
18. A Room with a
19. Go-between
20. Who Had a Heart
22. Make a phone call
24. Tricky curve
25. Bereft
27. Iniquity
29. Private screening
32. Oak droppings
36. "You Love"
37. Middle ear part
39. Pens
40. Mattress size
42. Jinn
44. Alexander Graham Bell, by birth
45. Nonpareil
47. Cop (Reynolds-Minnelli film) (2 words)
49. Entity
50. Gravity theorist
52. Duke's bride
54. One with a select guest list
56. Noah's son

DOWN

1. Novelist Emile
2. Poker player's words
3. Armed fleet
4. Jambalaya cuisine
5. Lingering about
6. Certain Ivy Leaguer
7. Journalist John
8. Pioneer Jim
9. Leaning letters
10. Browbeat
11. Attorney Bailey
12. Nessen and Ely
13. Colony insects
21. Smoked salmon
23. Gardner of Hollywood
26. When pigs fly
28. Land parcels
29. Self-respect

30. Extend a subscription
31. and dined
33. Grates potatoes
34. Store signs
35. Some planes
36. Related
38. Lucy's brother
41. Hoods' weapons
43. Playboy's "lure"
46. The "Yard" (Reynolds film)
48. Attention getter
51. "gloom of night"
53. Utilize
55. Miss Scarlett, e.g.
57. Marleen (1981 film)
58. Friend of Antony in Antony and Cleopatra
59. Harlem Globetrotter
61. Gretzky's quest
63. Verdi work
64. Banister
65. Sycamore, e.g.
67. Compass pt.
69. Quill user's need

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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago February 23, 1978

This issue of the Avalanche celebrates the 100th birthday of the paper! Published at Grayling, Michigan - Archery Capitol of the World.

The 1978 Class C regional tournaments were held at Lakeview High School on February 18; it was the scene of many exciting and unexpected upsets, indicating the State Finals this year will be a day to remember. Of the 6 top wrestlers Grayling sent to the Regionals to compete against 25 schools, 3 emerged as finalists: Chuck Golnick, Burt Partello and Steve Byce.

The Marathon Dance sponsored by the Senior class was held on February 17 and 18 in the High School cafeteria. The dance lasted 10 hours, with the lucky couple being Terri Burr and Chip Nicholas. The winners received, \$50.00 and a trophy; second place went to Michael Warren and

Julie Woolmer and taking third were Trent Bigier and Shannon McNamara.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wejrowski of Grayling are the proud parents of a daughter, Jennifer Elizabeth, born February 13.

Mr. and Mrs. James Corlew of Grayling announce the arrival of a daughter, Jamie Sue, born February 15, 1978.

Dr. and Mrs. Kim Waterfall announce the arrival of a son Jeremy Clark, born February 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Milford Mead of Grayling announce the arrival of a daughter, Stacie Lynn, born February 17.

46 Years Ago February 24, 1955

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bear returned home Saturday after spending several days at Columbus, Ohio. While he was there, Mr. Bear was a guest at the Ohio Outdoor Writers Convention.



Dr. Oscar Palmer shown in front of the Avalanche Office. Dr. Palmer was publisher from 1882 to 1911

Miss Joyce Bugby of Company) Detroit spent the Carnival weekend here and had as her guests, Miss Anne Brennan, Dave Dillon and Fred Aulk all of Detroit. They enjoyed the weekend skiing at Otsego Ski Club and attended the activities at the Grayling Winter Sports Park.

Black and White Grocery advertises 6 loaves of white Bon Ton bread for \$1.00, B and W coffee is 75 cents a pound and Chef Boy-Ar-Dee Pizza kits are only 49 cents. Cigarettes are still \$1.99 a carton for any brand at A & P. (Atlantic and Pacific Tea

69 Years Ago February 25, 1932

The Grayling High School girls team received defeat hear Monday night at the hands of Mackinaw High to the tune of 33 - 10. A dance was given after the game, Mrs. S. Phelps and Miss Gladys Hadley rendering the music.

92 Years Ago February 25, 1909

Born Monday, February 22, to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hathaway, a 7 1/2 pound son, "George Washington, Jr."

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



BASIC WHITE BREAD

- 2 cups warm water
- 2 tbs sugar or honey
- 1 packet of active dry yeast
- 1/2 cup dry milk (optional)
- 2 tbs butter, softened
- 6 cups of unbleached all-purpose flour
- 2 tsps of salt

Pour the warm water into a mixing bowl. Add and let dissolve the sugar or honey and then the yeast. When the yeast is bubbling, add the dry milk, butter, 3 cups of flour and the salt. Mix together and then stir in a further 2 1/2 cups of flour. Sprinkle the remaining 1/2 cup on the surface you intend for kneading. Knead the dough for 3 to 4 minutes, until it begins to behave as if it belonged together. Let it rest while you clean and grease the bowl. Continue kneading a further 3 to 4 minutes, until the dough feels smooth and springy.

Let the dough rise until doubled (1 to 2 hours). Knock it down, knead out any stray bubbles, cut it in half and form two loaves. Place them in two lightly greased 1/2x8 1/2-inch bread pans. Let rise until almost doubled (45 minutes to 1 hour). Preheat the oven for 15 minutes to 350° F. Bake the loaves 35 to 40 minutes, or until nicely browned. Remove bread from oven and cool completely on wire rack.

HOROSCOPES

For the week of February 19 thru February 25

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19):

This week will start off great, making decisions will come easily and readily for you. Allow yourself to get into your work, and if possible, do enough to break a sweat. Others will see you as sympathetic, talented, and inspirational. You are sure to see the best in others as well, and the people that you love will be prominent in your mind.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20):

You will be more aware of your emotions than usual. You'll find that you approach things in a shrewd and logical way, as well as finding it easy to express yourself. Doing things in your own unique way is encouraged. Be sure to take some time to relax and regenerate this weekend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21):

Your communication ability will be even stronger than usual. You'll have a pleasant way of getting your message across while experiencing a day where common-sense is high and anxiety is low. You'll find your mind sharp, and if the possibility of a move of some kind comes your way, be sure to give it serious consideration. You'll be able to wrap up any unfinished work with ease.

CANCER (June 22-July 22):

Your spirits are sure to be high and your mind will be strong this week. Your approach will be shrewd yet pleasant. Don't be surprised if you step out of your usual routines to look for new and different ways to express yourself. You might want to make plans to share time with your romantic partner, as passions can run high. Along with this, you will see the goodness in most everyone, and your talents will be very obvious.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):

You'll be able to get right to work this week. A shrewd, careful, and logical attitude increases your ability to express yourself. Don't let a lack of confidence cloud your ability to work hard. Try to draw strength from recalling the things you know you do well. With so much activity happening this week, be sure to take time to kick back and relax on Sunday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

Your love of the practical and logical will be strong this week, as well as enjoying a heightened ability to communicate. Make good use of this at work, as you will be sure to get much accomplished. Physical work may appeal more to you. However, you may need to keep your attitude in check. If you find yourself more emotional than you'd prefer, try a little physical activity to alleviate the tension.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT ONLY

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23):

A wonderful balance between your emotions and your intellect will exist for the most part this week. Put your sharp mind to the task, you will be more logical and judicious in your approach to things than usual. This is quite a strength, given your natural ability to make sound judgments, so don't shy away from making decisions. Consider making some plans for romance and intimacy. While physical strength isn't always present, mental ability is.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21):

This is likely going to be an excellent week for you. You'll find your mind sharp and clear. This will serve you well when it comes to management tasks and paperwork. Passion may be the most prominent thing on your mind, with an enhancement of emotions, especially those of love and appreciation. You'll enjoy the company of others very much and they are likely to feel inspired by you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

Your emotions will be prominent. With a heightened ability to make sense of things, while anxiety levels are almost nonexistent. It makes for an excellent time to get work done. Your heart may be drawn more to the arts and your favorite creative activities. Try to bring that energy to the workplace, as it can be very helpful in most any project.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

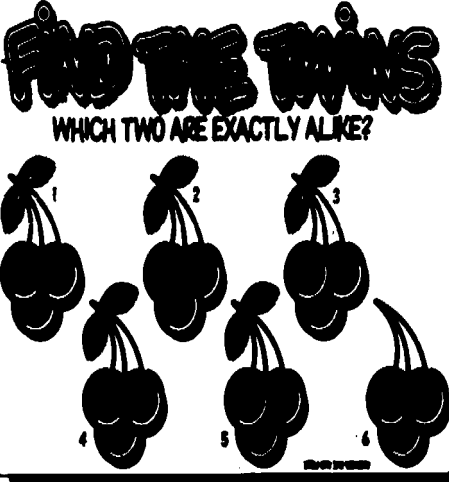
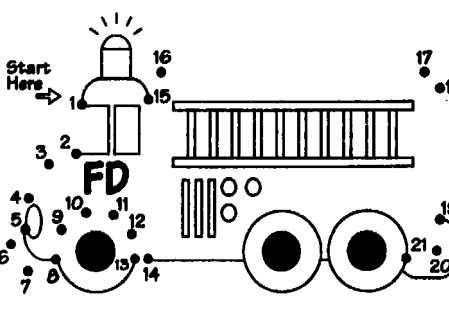
This week will prove to be both pleasant and productive, you will be shrewd and careful in both your personal and professional life. A heightened ability to express yourself, combined with reduced anxiety can give you a cutting edge in most any endeavor. Take care that you don't act too secretive or apprehensive along the way. If a lack of confidence troubles you. Try to draw on past successes to bolster your self-esteem.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

Approaching tasks that require you to think sharp and make sound decisions will come easily for you. Your ability to communicate in a pleasant and effective way will also be strong along with an increased intuition. Be sure to indulge in your favorite artistic hobbies and explore new media.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):

You'll begin this week with an ability to express yourself in a pleasant and effective way. You'll find work that takes concentration much easier than usual with the heightened sense of logic and reduced anxiety. If the opportunity to make a significant change or move, be sure to give this serious consideration. Your ability to see the very best in others will be very prominent. You'll find yourself more sympathetic and loving, and others will find you inspirational.



Adopt a Pet



This beautiful Tortoiseshell, Domestic Long Hair Mix female, is very friendly. Her name is Princess and that is just how she acts, she loves attention! She's already house trained and ready to be adopted!

ANIMAL SHELTER NEWS

If you are considering getting a pet, please think about an adult dog or cat. Although many people prefer to adopt puppies and kittens, there are sometimes advantages to adopting an adult animal.

The shelter always needs volunteers -- especially people to walk dogs. Please offer your services.

A large part of the shelter's budget depends on donations from individuals. If you would like to donate, please make your check or money order payable to Animal Shelter of Crawford County. Indicate if your donation is for Operations (daily expenses) or Project Fund (a new shelter) and send it to: ASCC, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738.

Donations that are currently needed: towels, blankets, dog and cat food, treats and toys, kitty litter, tennis balls and paper towels.

The Animal Shelter is located at 508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East), between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall. Current hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday-Saturday and 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Sunday. The phone number is 348-4117. Please leave a message if necessary.



WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling



Date	H	L	Snow On Ground
2/14	32	25	20"
2/15	32	20	20"
2/16	27	13	20"
2/17	26	10	2"
2/18	26	4	22"
2/19	24	11	22"
2/20	31	17	22"

Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the U.S. Exclite Weather)
Wednesday- Cool with overcast. Snow sprinkles. High 35, Low 28.
Thursday- Cool with overcast. Snow/Sleet mixed with freezing rain. High 37, Low 19.
Friday- Cool and mainly cloudy. Snow showers. High 30, Low 13.
Saturday- Chilly and mainly cloudy. Snow Showers. High 27, Low 15.

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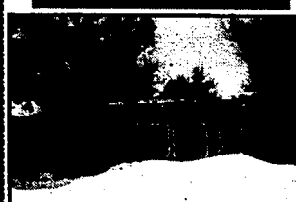
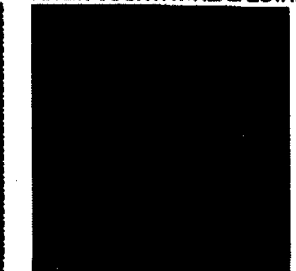
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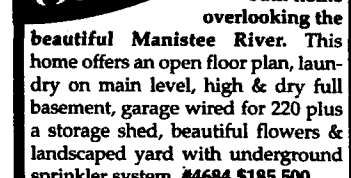


Excellent starter or retirement home with walking distance to the schools, hospital and downtown area. New metal roof, new vinyl siding, new hot water tank, new drywall, new carpeting and many more features. Ready to move into. Offers 2nd lot adjoining. Very nice back yard plus an enclosed front porch. \$4741 \$54,500 Ask for Debbie Bondar!

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OWNER FINANCING with 10% down. New three bedroom, two bath home with garage sitting on 2.5 acres. Weak credit ok. \$79,900. 517-821-5995. (-15-22/1)

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NO FEE Home Equity Loan. North Central Area Credit Union. Roscommon, Grayling, Houghton Lake and Standish. (-25-1-8-15-22/1)

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10 ACRES on the pipeline next to old apple orchard. \$40,000. 517-545-2893. (-15-22-1-8/1)

115 FT. OF AUSABLE RIVER frontage in South Branch Township. This property offers the feeling of seclusion with no homes across the river. Enjoy the view of the river from the large deck, two large bedrooms, large open living area, Anderson windows, and 2 x 6 construction. Motivated seller's asking \$119,000 #1961 call Diane Babcock or Doug Burgard at Wildwood Properties Services, Inc. for details. 1-888-613-6565 or 517-821-8870. (-15-22/1)

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2. For Rent

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2. For Rent

VERY NICE THREE BEDROOM, two bath home at Lake Margrethe. Non-smoking, no pets, \$550 per month plus security deposit and references. Call 517-348-8627. (2/22/01tf/2)

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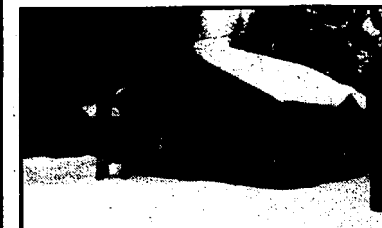
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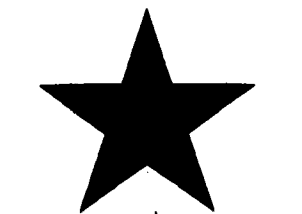


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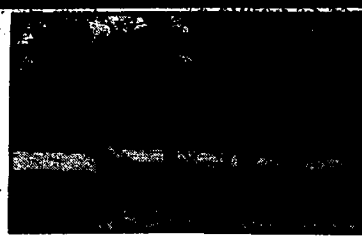
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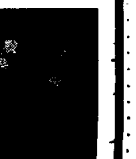
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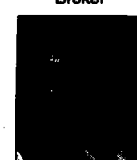
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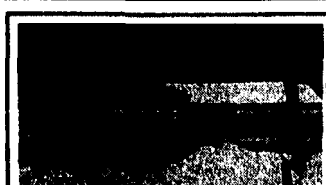
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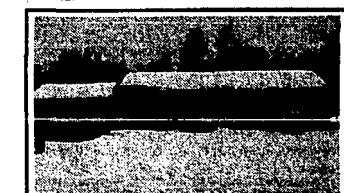
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HALF LOG HOME with knotty pine T & G interior, full log ridge beam, real fieldstone fireplace and foundation, 2 bedrooms, 2 door-walls overlooking a spring fed pond. Septic system complete, rough electric and plumbing. Ready to be finished! \$115,000 MLS #4215



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2. For Rent

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TWO HOUSES FOR RENT 204 Lawndale St. One bedroom, newly remodeled \$350 month plus \$350 security deposit. Utilities not included, no pets. 517-348-4716. (2/22/01tf/2)

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2. For Rent

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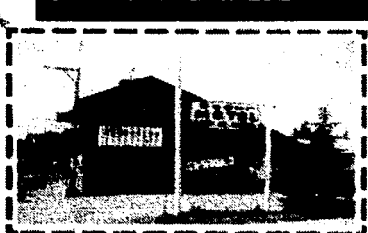
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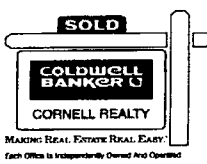
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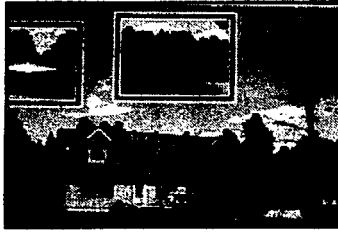
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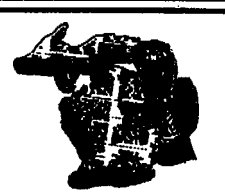
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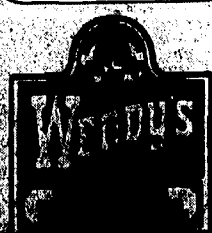


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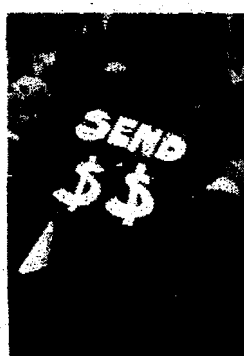
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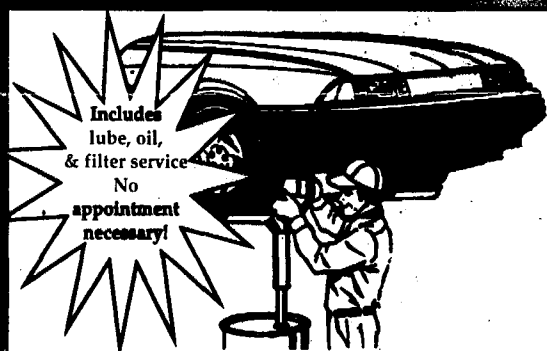
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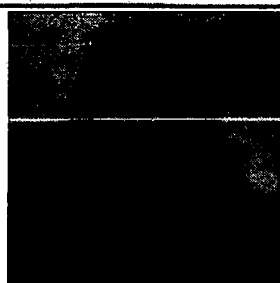
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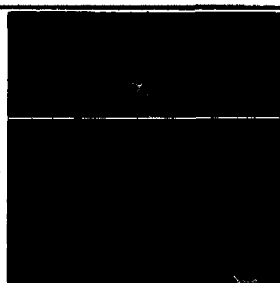
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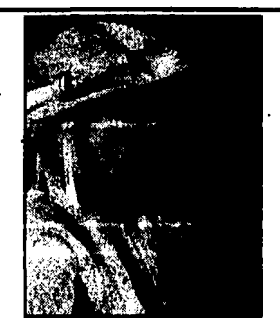
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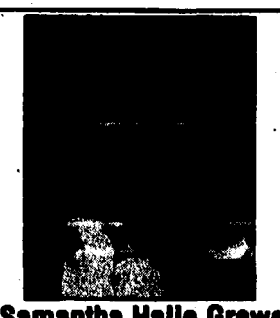
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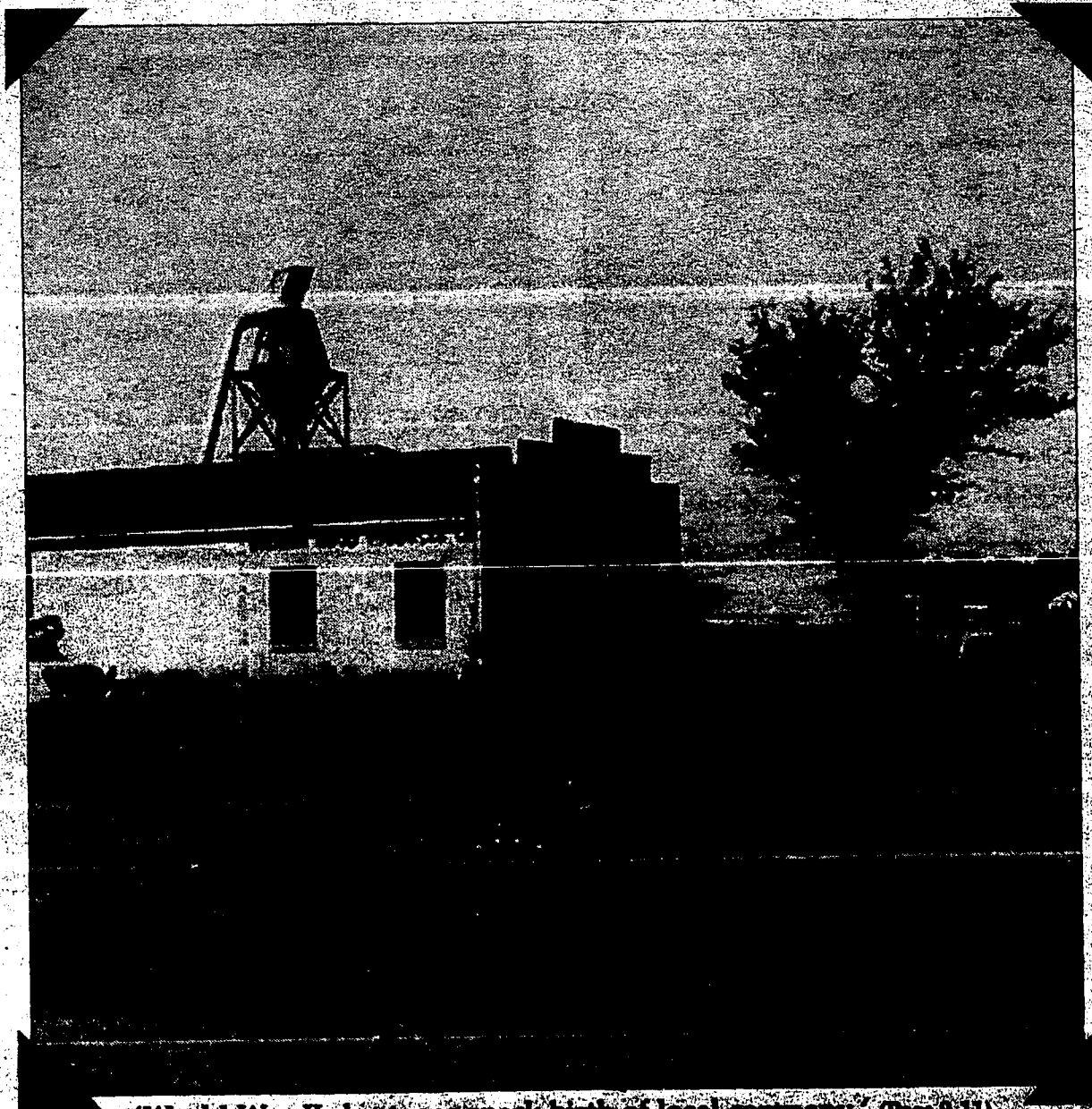
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The Fletcher Settlement

Logging the forests of the Kalkaska, Crawford area

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Section 1: Early Times

Logging the vast virgin pine forests of the Northern Lower Peninsula of Michigan began in the late 1840's. In the aftermath of the War Between the States, the young nation attracted new waves of immigrants and their offspring. Great cities and small towns alike were appearing out of nowhere and others were rapidly growing, requiring huge quantities of building materials. Because Michigan's eastward and westward flowing rivers served as the primary means of pine log transport from forest to mill, many sawmills were built along the shores of the Great Lakes at river mouths with initial logging activities occurring nearest these mills. Gradually, as forests nearby the mills were depleted, logging operations moved inland, reaching mid-state about 1880, coincidentally about the same time as the close of the great post-war depression of 1873 and the onset of a new era of economic expansion.

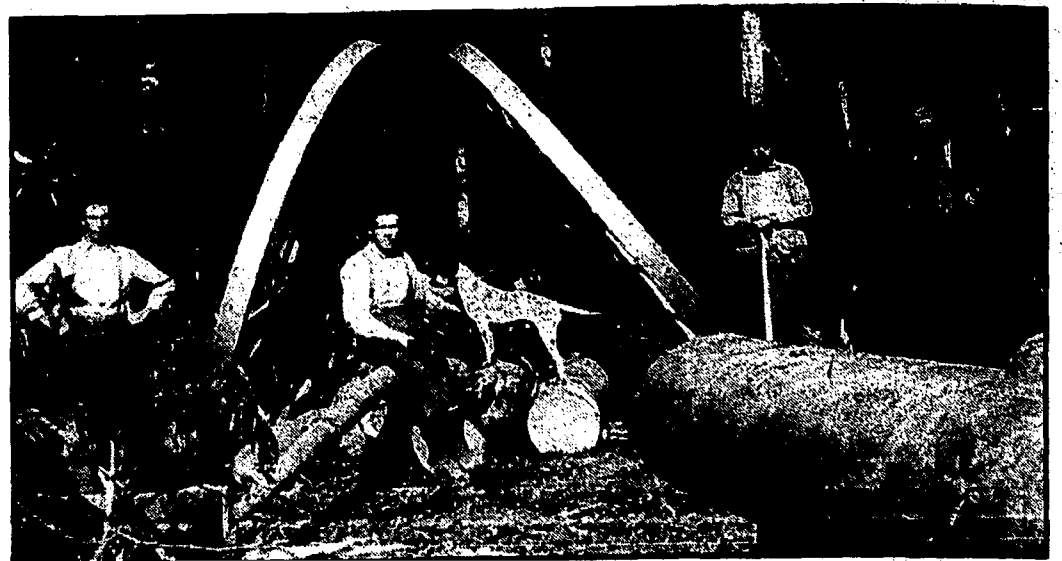
At this time, the richest farm lands of the Midwest had been settled.

Unclaimed lands were of unsure worth and in less than friendly climates - the only lands which poor latecomers could claim as their own. And so they came, immigrants, sons and daughters of immigrants, veterans of the War Between the States, sons and daughters of war veterans; people of diverse backgrounds with one common theme: typically, they were poor and looking for a new start. They arrived by train, by wagon, by oxcart, or by foot, sometimes blazing trails deep into virgin forests to claim new land, new life and new freedoms.

These two parallel phenomena, the need for lumber and the desire for farm land, brought the first loggers and land seeking settlers to the region at about the same time.

The logging era can be loosely divided into two phases, which were determined primarily by log density. Pine logs, being less dense than hardwoods, could be transported overland for relatively short distances to be floated on the rivers to the mills. Meanwhile, hardwood logging had to be deferred for the building of railroads, since green hardwood logs being more dense, tended to go directly to the bottom of the river. (Interview, Phebe Cotton, October 1999.)

Logging activity in the pine forests



Big wheels made logging during the summer months possible. Invented by Silas C. Overpack of Manistee, they were made entirely by hand and always painted red. The principle of the lever was ingeniously used to lift and balance the load.

peaked between about 1895 and 1900, when the greater share of virgin timber had been clear cut, and ended about 1910 when the last pine logging camps closed. From about 1900 forward, the primary focus of pine logging operations in the United States was the Pacific Northwest.

Hardwood, used for fuel, utensils and implements, was logged on a much smaller scale from about 1900 to 1915-20. Much of the virgin hardwood in the northern lower peninsula of Michigan was used in the production of iron in small local industries. When the hardwood was depleted, these operations largely disappeared.

Early settlers initially were attracted to that land most easily cleared, which was in the southeastern area of the township. In the mid-1890's, the center of farming activity in Glade Township shifted from the plains westward about 3 miles to the hardwood forested area in the southwest corner of the township. Most of the early settlers, their dreams of a better life ending in disillusionment, left the

area.

1.1 Kalkaska County

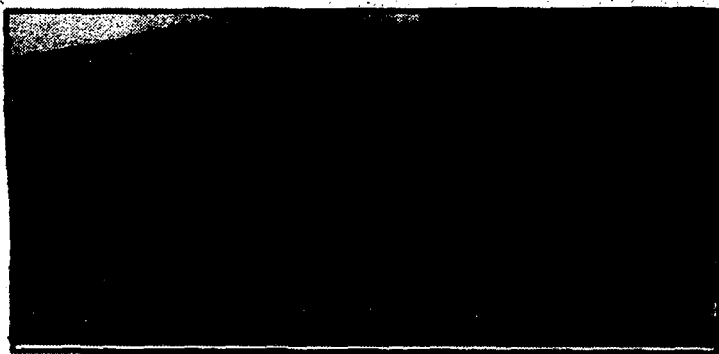
In 1840, three years after Michigan became a state, the northern counties of the lower peninsula of Michigan, of which the present Kalkaska County was a part, were organized into the Wabassee Territory. Wabassee, an Indian name meaning white bird or swan, was a Pottawatomie chief who signed a treaty with the whites in 1821. The legislature changed the name to Kalkaska (spelling Kalcasca) on 8 March 1843. It is believed that Kalkaska was an Indian name meaning "burned over" and was derived from the Chippewa language.

However, historians are in unanimous agreement neither as to where the name Kalkaska originated nor its meaning.

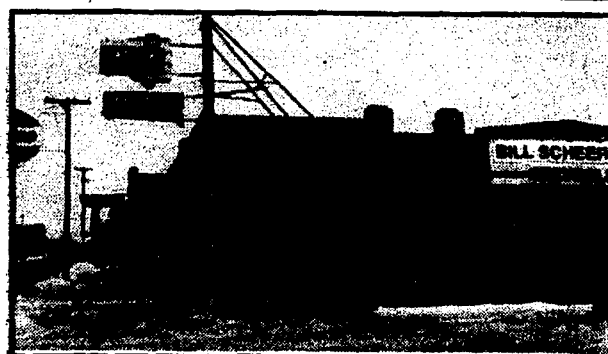
The area remained a part of Mackinaw Territory or Wabassee until 1853 when it was attached to Grand Traverse County for judicial purposes.

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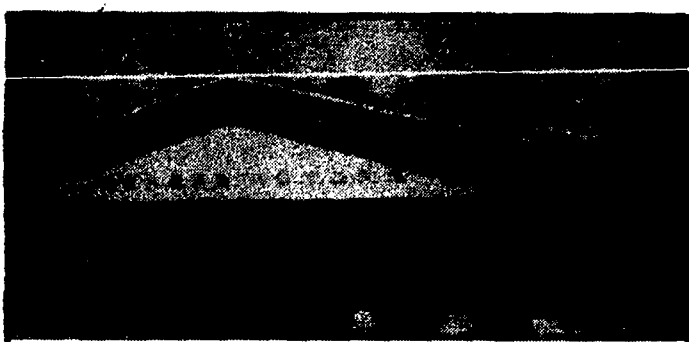
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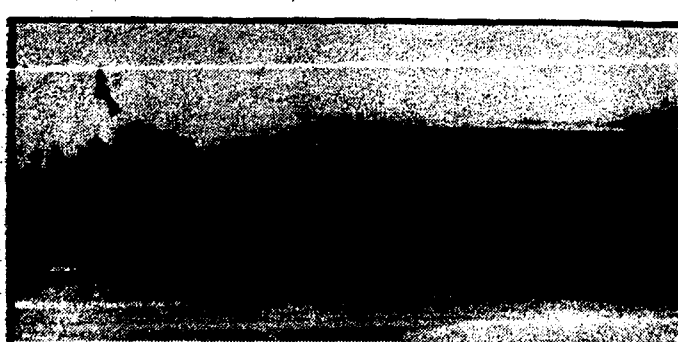
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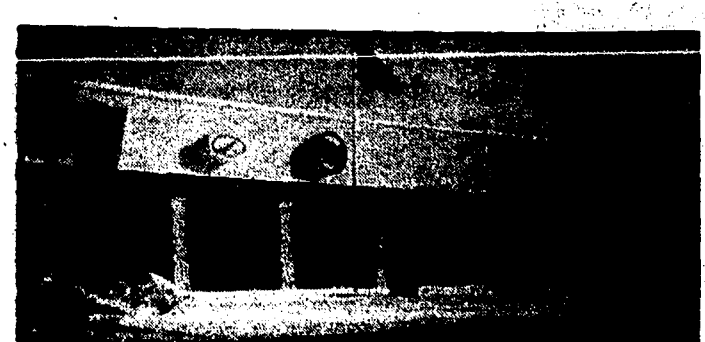
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In 1855, William Copeland, the first settler in Kalkaska County, built a home in what is now Clearwater Township. ("Kalkaska County 1871-1971," Centennial Publication, p13.)

In the year 1863, the area was attached to Antrim County, again for judicial purposes.

Kalkaska County was made independent of Antrim County and organized on 27 January 1871. Crawford County, still unorganized, remained attached to Kalkaska County.

The village of Kalkaska was made the county seat of Kalkaska County in 1873. The court house was completed in January 1874 at a cost of \$1075.51. At that time, \$2500 was appropriated to build a jail. (The Leader and The Kalkaskian, 1978)

Kalkaska and Crawford Counties, combined in 1840, boasted a population of 424 people. Four years later the population was 1259. By 1880, Kalkaska County alone had 2937 inhabitants. ("Kalkaska County 1871-1971," Centennial Publication, p.2)

1.2 Old Glade Township

Township 25 North, Range 5 West of Kalkaska County was formed in the extreme southeastern corner of Kalkaska County. Clearwater Township, unorganized, bordered on the north while Springfield Township, unorganized, in which Sharon was located, bordered on the west. The Crawford County line formed the boundary on the eastern side of the township, with the Missaukee County line on the south.

1.2.1 Surveys

In 1839, Mullet and Brevoort surveyed the land to establish the eastern county line. In the same year,

John Brink surveyed the area to determine township lines. In 1852, George H. Cannon surveyed to establish subdivisions within the township. From these surveys, made while the region was still a territory, the area of the township was established to be 22,882.39 acres.

The elevation of the township is generally between 1200 and 1300 feet above sea level with expensive and folks with limited finances were unable to purchase farm land of their own, the opportunity to homestead proved a strong inducement for men to bundle their families, along with a few belongings, into an ox cart or wagon and head northward. Often, the axe blazed a route through deep woods to the new land.

Of the two primary economic themes woven through the early history of Fletcher settlement and Glade Township, logging and agriculture, by far the greatest economic value in early days existed in the virgin pine forests. Logging of these forests was a supporting factor in the struggle for survival of settlement families, most of whom lived peripherally from logging activities by working in the camps, by cutting fire wood for the wood-burning railroad steam engines, or by providing other services or relatively small amounts of food to the camps.

But the farming life is a continuing gamble against not only the stern forces of nature but also against the vagaries of market economics. While farming of marginal land might be profitable in the presence of a benign nature and a demand market, failure of either or both can lead to catastrophic consequences.

1.2.4 Organization of Glade



Loading Logs on a Flat Car

Township

The earliest settlers were Hanford H. Smith, John F. Clark, Oscar L. Giddings, Edmond Weaver, Samuel Laughlin, James Quance, Josiah Miller, Hugh Fletcher, Uriah J. Shirts, Harvey Laughlin, Oscar J. "Doc" Smith, Eliza C. Sanbourn, Lester Woodruff, Charles Eickhoff and Hugh Nichols. Most men were married with children. Hanford Smith and John Clark were bachelors. Oscar J. Smith and Hugh Fletcher were married but had no children. Some families were related. These were the families who made up the population of the first settlement of Glade, later to be known as Fletcher.

Prior to 8 October 1883, the area comprising the township had been united with Springfield for administrative purposes. On that date, a petition signed by Freeholders of Township 25 N., R. 5 W and Township 25 N., R. 8 W. (Springfield Township) was received at a regular annual session of the Board of Supervisors. This petition, praying separation of the two townships, was favorably received, resulting in authorization by the board for an election to be held at the residence of John F. Clark on the first Monday in

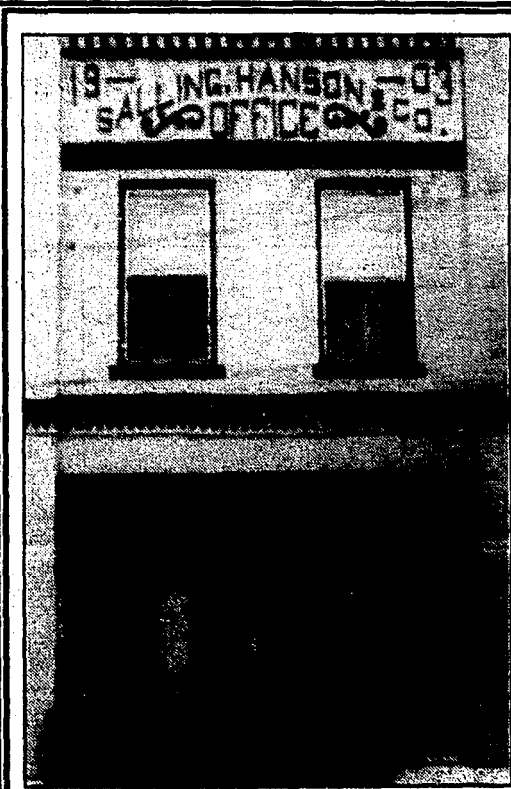
April of 1884. Three Election Inspectors were required by law, and Oscar L. Giddings, Oscar J. Smith and Samuel Laughlin were appointed to fill these positions. Lumber companies operating within the area used their influence in promoting organization of the new township, in accord with their self-interests.

The new township was named Glade by Oscar L. Giddings. He chose the name for one very large and two smaller openings within the forests which reminded him of glades. Apparently, fire had destroyed the forest in these places many years before, as a map of the township made for the Surveyor General's Office at Detroit on 23 June 1853 showed these spots as burnt openings.

1.3 Fletcher, the First Settlement

Prior to the beginnings of logging operations, homesteads were established on Sections 14, 22, 24, 25, 26, 28 and 34, in areas loosely corresponding to the glades observed by Oscar Giddings. This land was known as "the jack pine plains"; land easily cleared for cultivation as only a few jack pines (*Pinus Banksiana*) grew sparsely over the area.

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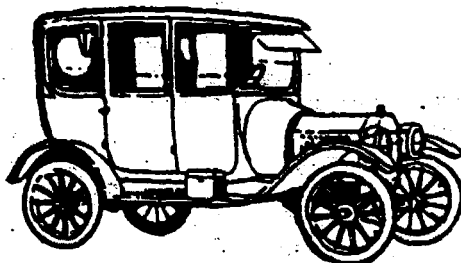
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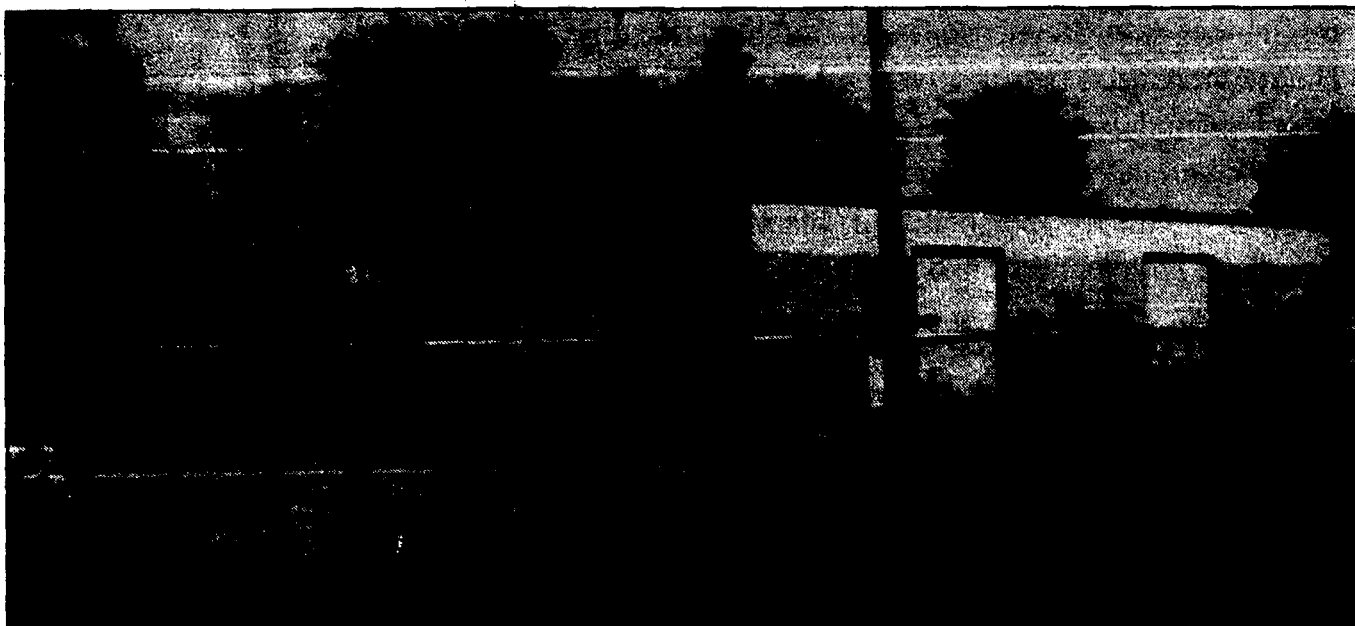
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The jack pine is a trash tree among pines, with wood which is knotty and without character. It has virtually no tap root. As a consequence, the jack pine's root system resembles a flattened, inverted umbrella. The tree, having achieved a certain stage of maturity becomes wind vulnerable and often succumbs. In contrast with the stately white and Norway pines, it had little lumber value. Today, it is used primarily for pulp.

The settlement of Fletcher was named for Hugh Fletcher who lived on Section 25. A deeply rutted wagon trail, known as Fletcher's Road, led past the Fletcher farm. Later, at the behest of Oscar Giddings, the name was applied to the settlement and school although the Fletcher family remained for only a couple of years, until 1882.

"When my father got a Post Office organized at our home, he suggested it be named 'Fletcher' in honor of the Fletcher family as they were the first settlers in the little community..." [Letter, Mark Giddings to Josiah Miller, Jr., 30 January 1959, Courtesy Herman Miller.]

Farming was often difficult as some early settlers owned neither horse nor ox. Those lacking beasts of burden were able to raise only such quantities of food as they could plant, tend and harvest by hand.

Vegetables, potatoes, pigs, chickens and cattle were grown for food. Huckleberries (blueberries), strawberries, raspberries, blackberries and other wild fruits were plentiful in some years. Produce and meats were sold to nearby logging camps or in Grayling, with by far the greater

amount sold to the camps. Grayling (15 miles), Roscommon (18 miles), Pere Cheney (10 miles) and Moorestown (11 miles) were the nearest trading centers in the early years.

By today's standards prices were low, but hard money was scarce. Depending upon quality, an acre of virgin timber was valued at about \$3 "on the stump." Hemlock lumber cost only \$8 per thousand board feet. The lowly oak was used as fence posts by early settlers, but for little else. Bare land cost about \$2 to \$3 per acre.

In wintertime, deep snow and its long duration on the ground was a disagreeable fact of life.

"I note that you mention, it's been an old fashioned winter there. I recall so well how old fashioned it could get at times. One winter in particular I believe it was about 1882, the snow fell till it was full five feet deep on a level and in the forest where there was no chance for drifts to form. And during other winters it would get so deep at times that one could walk over the tops of fences without any sign of a fence being there. A crust would form on the snow, strong enough to support a person of average weight. And then sometimes it would rain and freeze on and make the crust a real sheet of ice. Very enjoyable if I could get to the top of the hill with my hand sled." [Letter, Mark Giddings, 9 April 1951.]

It was reported that during the winter of 1881-82 there was "enough snow for six months log hauling." In wintertime, children five to six years old used large wooden bowls to slide in the snow on roofs of lumber company buildings. (Interview, Charles Anthony, Jr., circa 1949.)

Even though, at times, food for the



Nick Downen, Foreman for the Manistee Lumber Company (nearest to the camera on buggy)

family, horses and cattle became perilously low-times when it was impossible to replenish dwindling supplies—no one is on record as having starved or frozen to death in those early days.

1.6 Wells

Prior to 1904, water wells consisted of open pits, dug either to a depth below the first vein of fresh water or to ground water level, shored up with timbers to keep sand from sifting into the pit. Aside from a tendency to collect silt, leaves, dead insects, bird and animal droppings and small drowned animals, well water was reasonably pure. Wells varied in depth from about 60 to 200 feet. Water was lifted using a windlass and an oaken bucket. A well dug 200 feet deep, located on Section 11, was used by the first Manistee Lumber Company camp in 1880.

"Well water was obtained by hand over hand pulling up the old oaken bucket with a windlass from 80 ft. below. Wells were 3 feet square and their walls were held up by cedar boards notched at the ends." [Letter, Flora Hagerman Knitsely (date unknown)]

1.7 Roads

In 1884, in addition to Fletcher's Road, a wagon road extended from

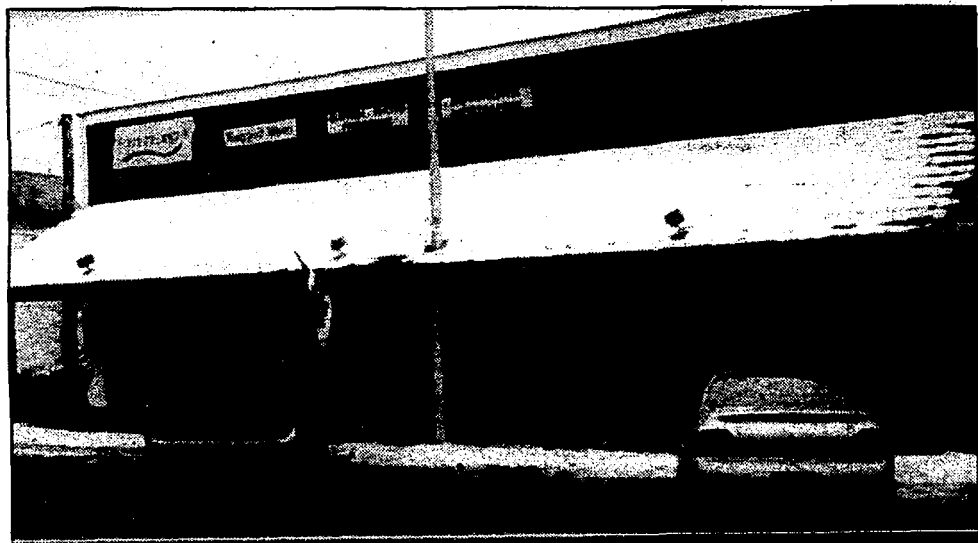
the southern part of Section 10, 11 and 12 to the Crawford County Line. Another wagon road cut across northern Glade township along the southern end of Sections 4, 5 and 6 and the northern end of Sections 10, 11 and 12, and a trail crossed Section 28, 29, 30, 33 and 34 to Kelly's Camps in Missaukee county. In later years, a wagon route was cleared on the Section line between 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 on the south, and Sections 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 on the north. This route originally called the Pere Cheney was later abbreviated to the Cheney Road. Mail was carried over this route from Kalkaska to Cheney for several years. Mail for "Old Fletcher" was dropped off at the Post Office on Section 22. Later it was carried from Sharon to Wellington, in Beaver Creek Township of Crawford County.

In early years, the road to Moorestown ran from the State Lumber Company Headquarters south through Sections 28 and 33 to the Missaukee County line. From there, it connected to Stratford and the railroad. A wagon road cut through the wooded area to Grayling in Crawford County.

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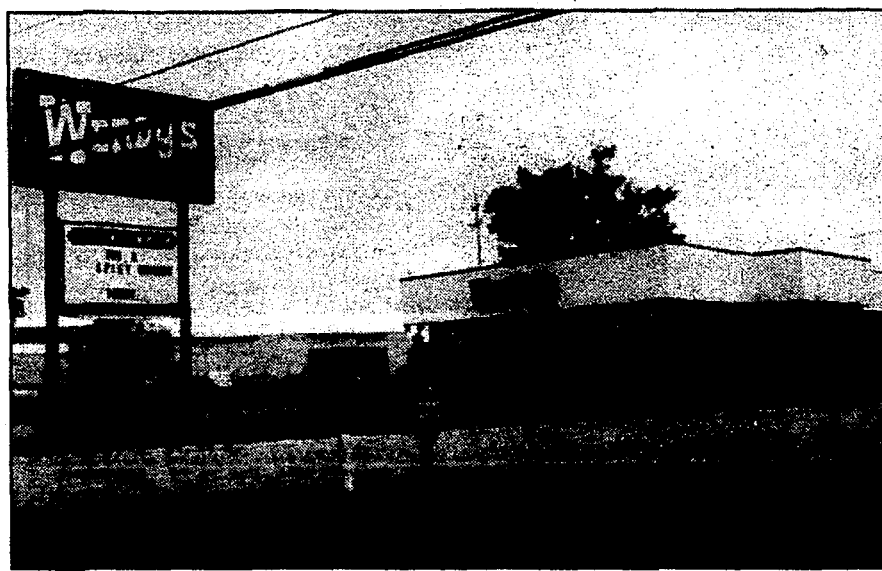
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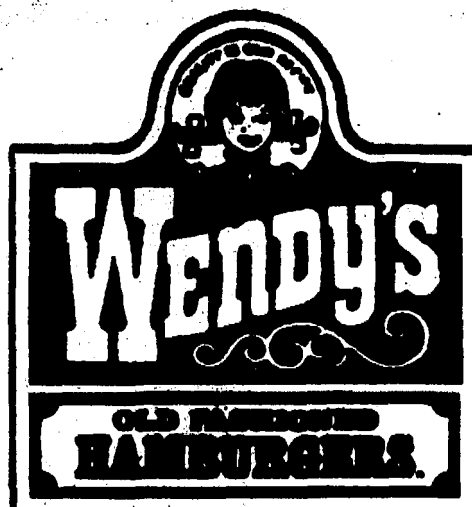
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All roads were rough in summer. In winter, travel was difficult unless roads were rolled with a heavy wooden plank roller, an implement which resulted from the combined efforts of a wood worker and a blacksmith. With settlers taking turns after each heavy snowfall, two teams, one ahead of the other, were hitched to the roller. When the snow was packed, winter roads were smooth and perfect for sleigh riding. Often, children stayed at home while parents took advantage of road conditions and went to town for supplies.

1.10 The Forests

Prior to logging operations, Glade was forested with immense white pines, some 4 feet in diameter, Norway pines, maples, beeches and elms. In many places, trees were so tall and thick that it was difficult to see the sun during summer months.

Within the hardwoods in autumn, a deep carpet of leaves covered the ground between trees so that a small squirrel running over dry leaves made nearly as much noise as a galloping horse. Due to high, dense foliage, grass seldom grew in wooded areas.

It almost seemed that there was a dividing line between hardwoods and pines. A few pines were scattered among hardwoods, but almost no hardwoods were found in the pine forests.

1.11 Logging Operations

The burgeoning new nation required building materials, and the vast virgin forests became a partial answer to these demands. From about 1847 to 1910, a span of sixty-three years, the northern pine forests were clear-cut and the lands left denuded. During the logging period,

terrible forest fires ravaged the land, many fed by tinder-dry slashings left in the wake of logging operations. Some fires appeared to have originated from lightning strikes. Some were purposely set, some rumored to be by malice, others as a matter of practice to clear the land. At the end of the logging era, where once had stood proud cathedral forests, one could now see for miles across a vast wasteland of charred stumps protruding from tufted grass and moss covered sand.

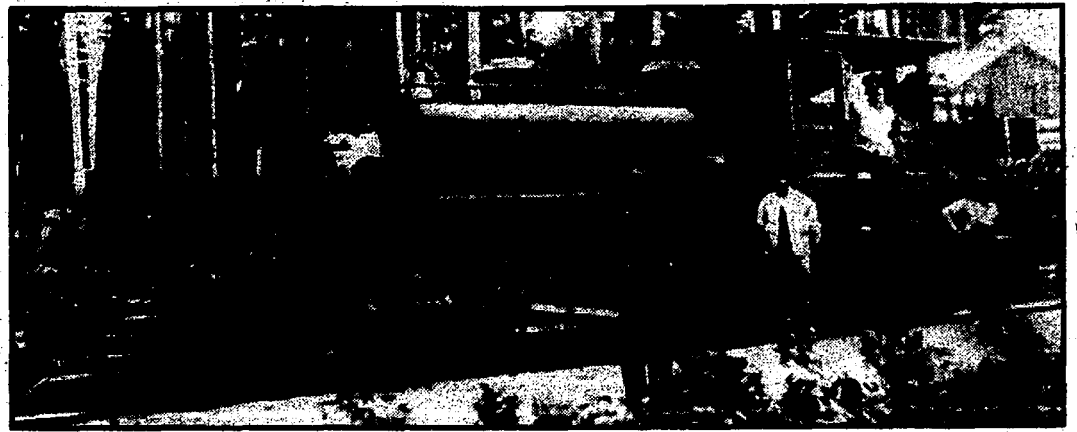
Some of those wealthy heads of those companies came here to California and had palatial homes made for themselves at Santa Barbara with the proceeds of those wonderful forests of pine. [Letter, Mark Giddings, 23 March 1951.]

Little effort was made to replant or replace this marvelous asset until many years later, when programs to plant seedlings were initiated during the "Great Depression" years.

1.11.1 Logging the Pine Forests of Glade Township

Logging operations in the pine forests of Glade Township were conducted from 1880 to about 1910. Early operations were carried out in the northern third of the township nearest the Manistee River which was used to float the logs to the sawmills in the city of Manistee on the shore of Lake Michigan. The 1890 Glade Township tax roll listed the following lumber companies as owners and tax payers on property where either they were engaged in timbering operations at that time or were planning to log in the future:

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Tree trunks up to the first limb, only, were harvested. Tops were left behind and burned. Typically, operations proceeded on a section of land, purchased from the state. Timber was removed and the slashings burned. Then operations commenced on the next section.

...you could go in them days through the country and tell what areas were lumbered in the summer and which were cut in winter. The winter stumps were cut high and the summer stumps were cut low... [Interview, Charles Anderson, October 1999.]

In the early years, logs were hauled by winter sleigh to the river's edge. "Jam One" on the Manistee River at the Big Cannon Creek, beyond the northwest corner of Glade Township, was used as one of the dumping grounds for logs. Roads were sloped downgrade when possible and well iced to bear up under the loads, making the big loads easy to get moving but hard to stop. Occasionally hors-

es and men were crushed beneath run-away loads.

Later, with the introduction of wood burning, narrow gauge, logging railroads, the logging train replaced the sled for long hauls. "Big Wheels" could be used in summer for moving logs from their growth site to be loaded onto railroad flatcars. Logs were piled on rollways along the river banks at the dumping grounds as cutting operations proceeded during low water seasons. Water levels of the river affected spring drives. Short winters, mid-winter thaws, or spring droughts resulted in numerous log jams. To better regulate water levels, rivers were dammed to retain additional water for the spring drive.

Each company had its registered marks identifying ownership. With the coming of spring and high water, the accumulation of logs was released into the river for floating to the sawmills. From 1 May to 1 November, a large crew worked at the river mouths to sort logs for the various mills. [Letter, Tom B. Jones 16 Feb 1960. Mr. Jones was General Superintendent of Louis Sands Company, in Manistee.]

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The Moshier Family

Civil War vet among the first Crawford County settlers

by Fay Bovee

Of the many Civil War veterans who came to Crawford County and claimed a homestead, one was Philip James Moshier who had been born on September 4, 1830, in Malta, Saratoga County, New York. According to the obituary of his wife, Ann E. Anderson, whom he had married in Malta on February 5, 1855, they had come to Crawford County from Oakland County in 1873. This date makes him one of the very first settlers and owner of land here in the county.

Philip served as a Private of Lieutenant M. McInty's Company (K) Third Regiment of the Michigan Volunteer Cavalry. He was described as being 32 years old, 5'8", fair complexion, blue eyes, sandy hair, and a farmer when he re-enlisted. He was originally enrolled on January 20, 1862, for three years with re-enlistment taking place on January 20, 1864, at LaGrange, Tennessee as a Veteran Volunteer. He is said to have been imprisoned from December 1862 to October 1863, transferred to Company L on January 9, 1865, and mustered out at San Antonio, Texas, on July 12, 1866.

After his marriage and before serving in the Civil War he and his wife

had moved to Michigan in 1856, settling in the New Hudson area. As a veteran, he had taken up a soldier's homestead of 160 acres, north of Grayling in the area of old US 27 and M 93. It was known as Moshier's Swamp. His wife, Ann, died on November 6, 1895, and it was stated that the "bereaved husband has been sick for a year with liver and rheumatic trouble, and at times has to be assisted about the house." In spite of ill health most of the years following the war, he seemed to have been engaged in enterprises in Grayling. He died in Clio on September 5, 1909.

Thus begins the Moshier family in the Grayling area. Philip and Ann had three children, one of them, Philip William, born on September 13, 1857, in Milford. He came to Grayling with his parents when sixteen years old and on August 15, 1881, married Louise Helen Stephan, the daughter of another pioneer family. The August 18, 1881, *Avalanche* gives an account of this, "Mr. Philip Moshier, Jr. deeming a life of single blessedness nothing but a fabled myth screwed his courage up to the top notch, popped the question, and on Monday even last led the blushing damsel (Miss Louise Stephan) who



(Back) Daniel Moshier & first wife Edna, Wm. Moshier & wife Hattie, Peter Stephan, Louise Moshier Serven & husband Frank Serven; (Front) Russell, Charles & Harry Moshier (sons of Wm. & Hattie Moshier), Louise Stephan Moshier & husband, Wm. Moshier Sr., Herbert Serven (father of Beth Serven).

had irresistibly drawn him into the matrimonial meshes to the altar where Justice Kilborn pronounced them man and wife. May they never regret it."

As stated previously Philip Sr. was involved in various enterprises in the area as was his son, Philip, Jr. and not all articles in the local paper identify which person, father or son. In the *Avalanche* March 31, 1881, "Neighbors Leese, Van Buren and West are in the employ of Mr. P. Moshier of Grayling who has taken a contract of the RR company to get out 20,000 cedar posts this winter." This must have been the father as on July 7, 1881, the paper stated, "Mr. Philip Moshier, Sr., returned from Southern Michigan last week bringing with him a very fine span of heavy draught horses which he has taken north to work on the railroad extension." Previously on May 19, 1881, it said "Mr. P. Moshier has enclosed his vacant lot with a neat board fence and laid new sidewalk in front of his

premises which gives a much better aspect to that part of town." And yet less than a month later, June 2, 1881, "M. Philip Moshier, Sen. left last Thursday for Genesee County where he intends buying a farm near the present one owned by him in that county."

In the same year the son was also busy according to the September 22, 1881, *Avalanche*, "Mr. Philip Moshier, Jr., is preparing to build a dwelling house on Cedar St., April 27, 1882, "Mr. Philip Moshier, Jun. wishes to announce to the citizens of Grayling who may wish to purchase milk that he is prepared to furnish them with large or small quantities at the rate of 6 cents a quart."

He operated a livery stable where Spike's now stands. It was in partnership with Martin Christenson according to the ad in the November 6, 1884, *Avalanche* but that venture ended when he sold the business to R. H. Hanson in 1885.

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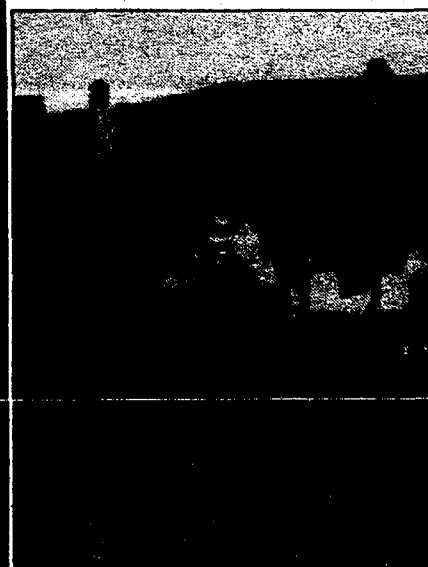
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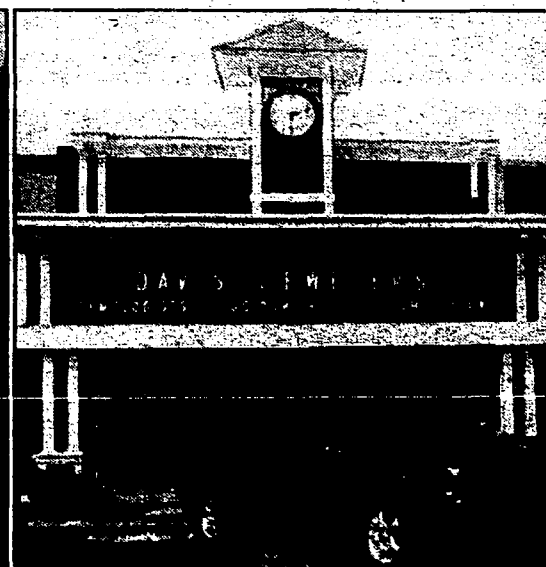
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Although it appears that he was involved in various businesses here, the *Avalanche* of June 21, 1883, states that "Philip Moshier, Jr. has moved to Genesee County where he has purchased a small farm." On July 3 of the same year, an article says "Last Sat. Phil Moshier Jr. and his brother near Clio, Genesee Co. was struck by lightning. Philip was on horseback and was hit in the head. He lay in an insensible condition for several hours. His brother was only slightly hurt in the foot. Both are now pronounced out of danger." This article from June 1897 makes one wonder if he ever completely recovered. "Philip Moshier is sawing wood with his steam sawing machine. He will soon have over 1200 cords cut. He is only partially recovered from his injury and one arm is nearly useless."

It is not clear but appears that Philip and Louise moved back and forth between Genesee and Crawford County for some years. During this time four children were born to them, Louise Helen on April 22, 1883, Philip William on May 29, 1884, William Henry on July 14, 1885, and Daniel James in January, 1888. Louise married Frank Serven and remained in Grayling. Philip died of diphtheria at the age of three, William married Hattie Smuck and remained in Grayling, and Daniel who was married to Edna Wingard for some time, left Grayling eventually and little is known about him after that.

Exactly when Philip and Louise returned to Grayling permanently is not known, but they were caretakers at WaWaSum on the AuSable in 1911. Louise died on October 29,

1913, at her home on Chestnut St. near the school house. After the death of his wife, Philip left Grayling and had been traveling through Canada and the eastern states, and his son, William, received a telegram saying that he had died in New York City on June 28, 1924. His body was returned to Grayling, the funeral was held at the Danebrod Hall and he was buried in the south part of Elmwood Cemetery next to his wife.

Their daughter, Louise, who had married Frank Serven and given birth to one son, Herbert, in 1904 in Genesee County, died less than a month after her mother, on November 26, 1913.

This left one Moshier, William, remaining in Grayling. William and Hattie had six sons Floyd, Russell, Harold, Harry, Charles and William.

Tragedy struck this family when William was killed at his business on Cedar Street. The following is from the June 7, 1934 *Avalanche*: William H. Moshier was instantly killed when the walls of his two-story garage on Cedar Street crumbled, letting down the ceiling and roof to the ground. Paul LaBrash escaped death by a small margin, and three others averted injury by quickly making a dash for safety.

A second story addition was just about completed, over the back end of the Moshier garage, and Mr. Moshier and Mr. LaBrash were working on the roof. At about 3:30 p.m. Wednesday the south wall suddenly crumbled and moved outward letting floors above and roof with their heavy steel trusses fall with a crash into the pit below. Mr. Moshier was at work in about the middle part of the structure and escape for him was impossi-



Mr. & Mrs. Philip Moshier, Jr. in cutter - 1909

ble and he pitched down with the roof and was buried beneath a mass of cement blocks and steel girders, and apparently was killed instantly. It was necessary for workmen to remove a heavy steel beam from across his chest, and one from across

his chest, and one from across his legs. His body was considerably crushed and his skull fractured back of one ear.

Paul LaBrash, who was working along the north side of the roof fell

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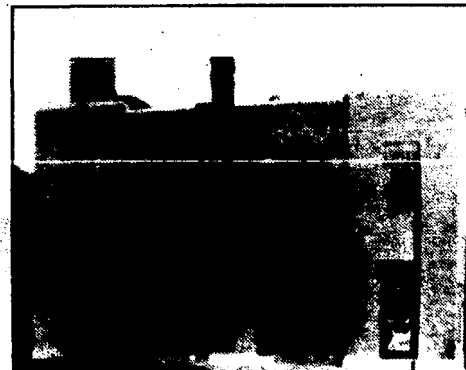
Originally known as the Grayling Opera House, the Rialto theatre was founded in 1911 by George N. Olson. Olson was manager of the facility that featured live shows and a few silent movies until May 1915, when he purchased the business and operated the theatre through the 1920's showing silent films, accompanied on the piano by his wife, until sound or "talkies" were introduced in 1929.

The fire that destroyed the original structure in April 1930 (also housing the Masonic Temple) took place during a full house performance. Olson was the only one injured, suffering burns when he tried to reach the projectionist who had already escaped through a window. A little more than four months later, the Rialto reopened.

In the mid-1950's, Olson's daughter, Georgiana, and her husband, Thomas Stancil, took over ownership and management of the Rialto until 1982 when it was purchased by their son George and his wife, Marilyn.

At present the Rialto is owned by Geoffrey Bichler of Winter Park, FL. Mr. Bichler is a nephew of the founder. This historic theatre's day to day operation is carried out by Arnold Stancil, the founder's oldest grandson.

Recently improvements have been made including a new screen, new aisle & exit lighting, new carpeting, a new concession stand. Unfortunately, the prices



Rialto Theatre rebuilt and
reopened in July 1930;
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have increased "just a tad" from the 1920's but, let there be NO DOUBT, this Grayling landmark is still northern Michigan's best bargain for affordable family entertainment.

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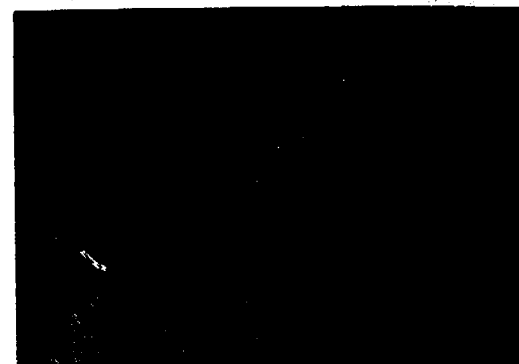
close to that wall and was seriously injured. One leg was fractured and also several ribs, and it is feared that there are other injuries. Masses of twisted steel and masonry were all about him, and had to be removed before he could be rescued and taken to Mercy Hospital.

Working on the first floor were John Malloy, Albert Bentley and Robert Bancroft. How they escaped being crushed to death is a miracle. They say that when they heard the wall start to give away and the floor above coming down upon them they dashed for the nearest exits.

Bentley in some way managed to escape out of the building and was missed by the falling walls by a nar-

row margin. Malloy dashed toward the west wall but before reaching there he was imprisoned in a mass of steel girders. The strange thing is that he was not hurt except for a few scratches on one forearm. Bancroft threw himself alongside of an empty oil barrel which afforded him safety and he too escaped without injury. However he lost his shoes and can't understand how they got off his feet, and he wasn't able to find them.

The front part of the structure that had been built for several years, was not much disturbed. That part is occupied as an office and supply room for the Moshier garage, and by Claude Cardinal as a lunch and pool room. The occupants of these places, when the crash began, came out of



Louise Moshier and Philip Moshier III (baby pictures)

the front doors like being shot out of a gun. At the time there were 8 or 9 men in the lunch room, several of whom were playing pool.

The rear part of the structure was built several years ago and is said to have been designed for a one-story building. Construction work on the second story was begun last year and, at the time of the accident, was just about completed. The back part of the structure was 76 x 60 feet in size. The floor and roof were supported by long girders with no center supports. It is the opinion of some that the original foundation was not strong enough to support the second story and roof, and as the weight continued to grow they began to be overtaxed and could not stand the strain. Mr. Moshier, who was a competent builder and contractor, did the construction work and evidently did not fully value the strength of the foundations and lower walls. It was intended to use the lower room for car storage and the top floor for tourist rooms.

Bandmaster Ed Clark says that he watched the work of construction as it progressed and at noon of that fatal day was on the roof of the building. He says that while there he could feel the building sway beneath his feet and decided that that was no place for him and came away immediately. It was only a few hours later that it crumbled, carrying with it the tragedy

that is here chronicled.

The north and part of the west walls continued to stand, although they leaned in dangerously. Workmen soon after pulled over the north wall to guard against any further danger.

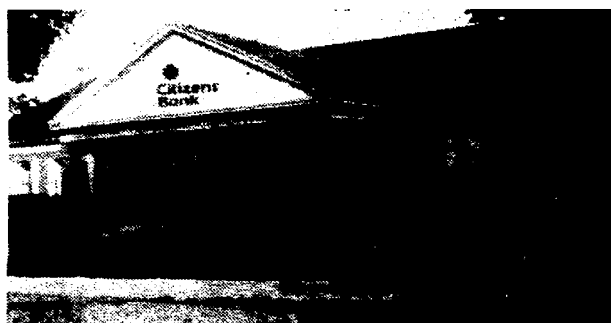
Mr. Moshier is survived by his widow and sons Harry, Charles, Russell and William, Jr."

Harry was married to Hazel Little and lived in New York, Charles married Elna Mae Sorenson and continued in business here, Russell was married to Ellanora Dillenbeck and William, Jr. married Laura Johnson. All are now deceased except Bill and Laura.

In January of 1929 William had "purchased the Thomas Cassidy building on Norway Street where his son, Harry, will open a coal yard and supply company." This author does not know when Harry left the business but Charles Moshier continued in the business selling coal and had an auto dealership in the same building on Cedar Street where one of his sons, Roger Moshier, still continues to run an auto repair business. William, Jr. has a refrigerator and appliance storage and repair business in the other half of the building.

(My thanks to Beth Serven Seator, the great-great granddaughter of Philip J. Moshier, Sr., without whose notes and family memorabilia this article could not have been written.)

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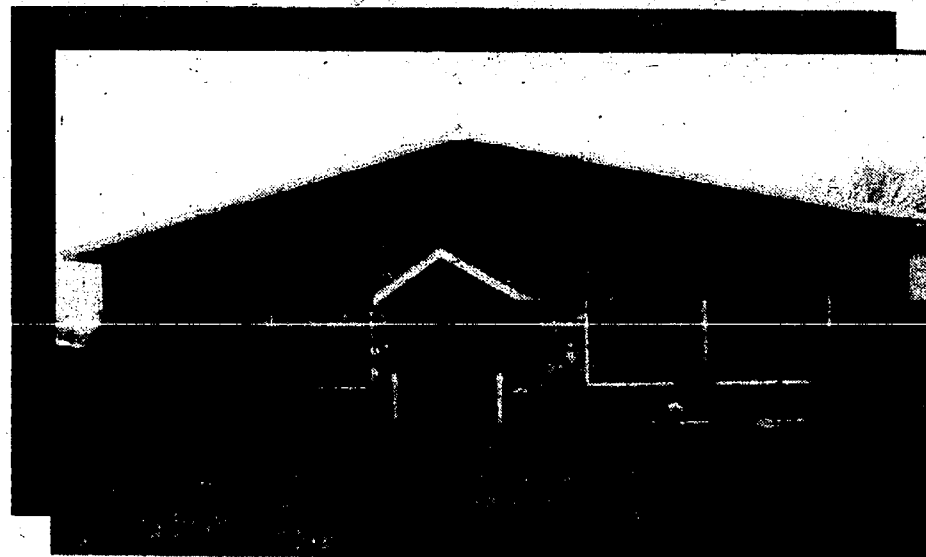
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Stephan Wood Products

World War II shortages spark birth of local company

by Pete & Gloria Stephan

During World War II, many household items that were taken for granted became scarce, either from rationing or from production stoppage. One of these items was the clothespin. When the supply of this item was exhausted, women found they were without the means to hang the traditional Monday morning laundry out to dry.

Alva Stephan (March 18, 1911 to October 10, 1996) had several wood-working tools and saws in his garage and often would make replacements, or substitutes, for items that broke or wore out with usage.

In 1945, when Alva's wife, Ellen, ran out of clothespins, she asked if he could make her some wooden clothespins, saying, "If he can make other things, why can't he make me some clothespins?"

Al (as he was known) set out to see if he could "improvise" an item for her to use in place of the store bought items. The end result was a square wooden clothespin, which provided for the needs of his wife. In fact, they proved to be an item in such demand among the neighboring women, that Al soon was making them for other housewives as well.

An acquaintance of Alva's, Charles C. Swendner, recognized the quality of the clothespin and its marketabili-

ty. Swendner told Al that if he thought he could find a way to mass produce them, Swendner could develop the market for the square clothespins. This became the very early stages of what would become "Stephan Wood Products Company."

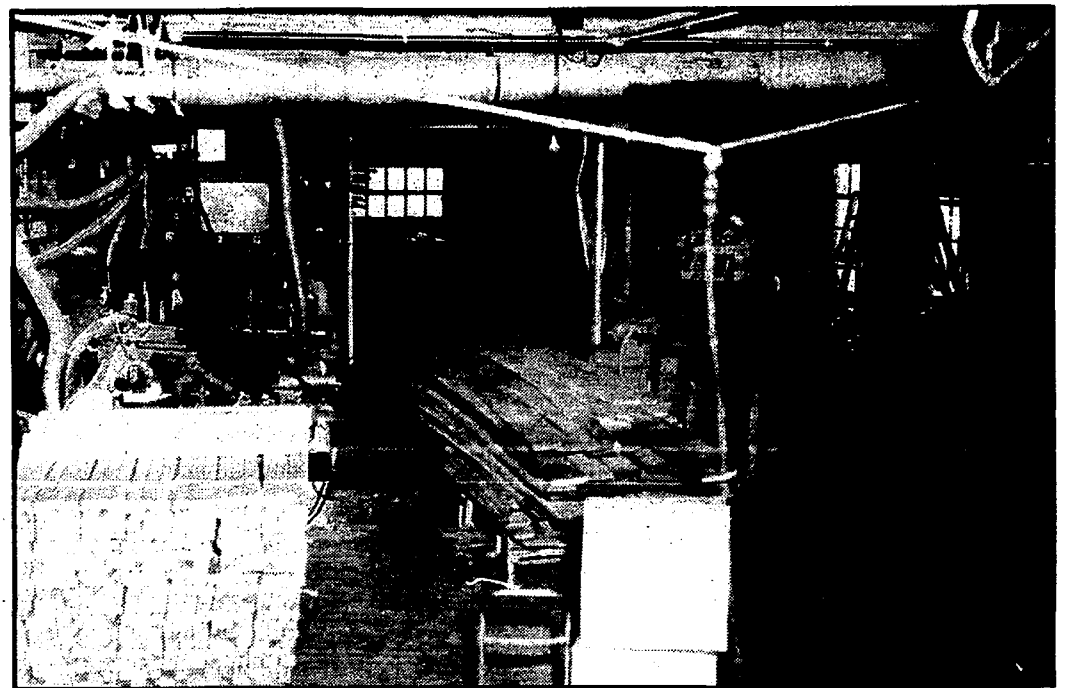
Al set up shop in his small, one-and-a-half car garage at the rear of his residence on Mikado Street and began producing clothespins right away.

True to his claim, Swendner found a market outlet and soon they were producing clothespins at the rate of one semi-trailer load per week! Quite a production for a home-based operation.

From this beginning, inquiries for other wooden specialty items began developing and the small garage was fast becoming too limited for the demands. For example, one of the steps used to produce the clothespins was to "tumble" them in a heated drum with paraffin wax added. With the combination of heat and sawdust, it was inevitable that combustion could and would occur at some point... as was the case in 1946 when the "drier" caught fire, severely damaging the small garage.

After the fire, the little company moved. Production was set up in the old icehouse on Norway Street, now

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Dale Rohde, Lyman Lavec, Bonnie Maurer, Herb Stephan, Slip Sherman, Floyd Moore (maybe Ted Stephan?) Circa 1950s

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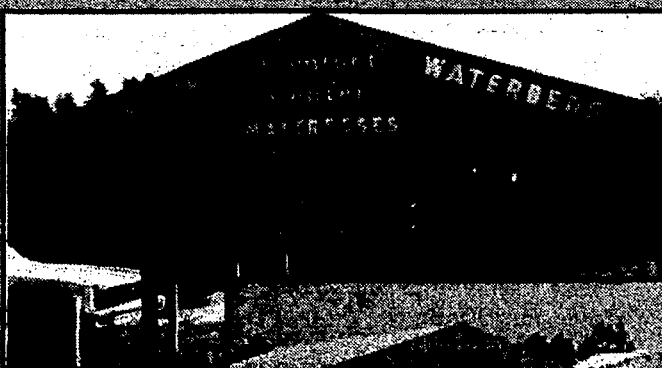


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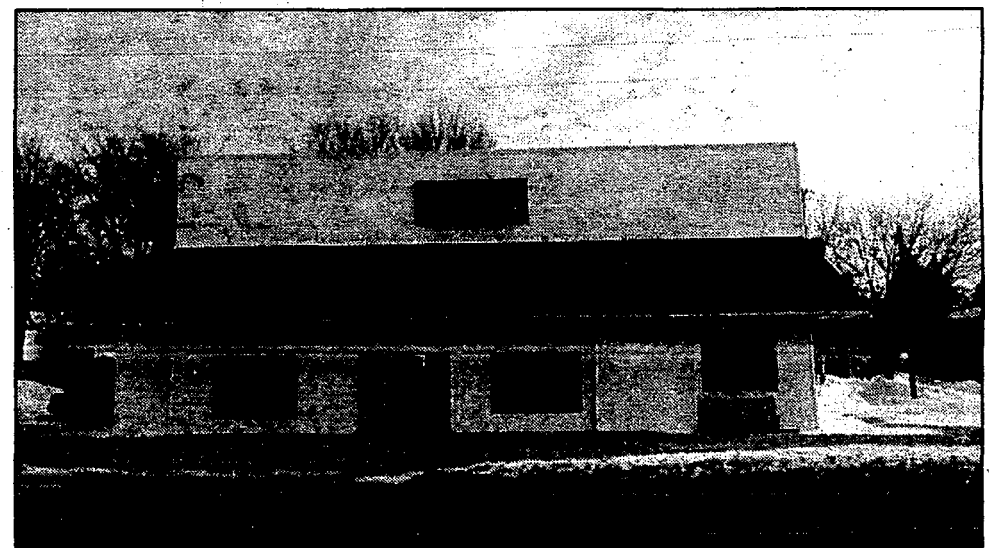


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the site of the Icehouse Quilt Shop. From 1946 until the completion of the original 2,880-square foot cement block building in 1950 at its present location on Huron Street (M-72 East), orders were produced and filled at the Norway Street location.

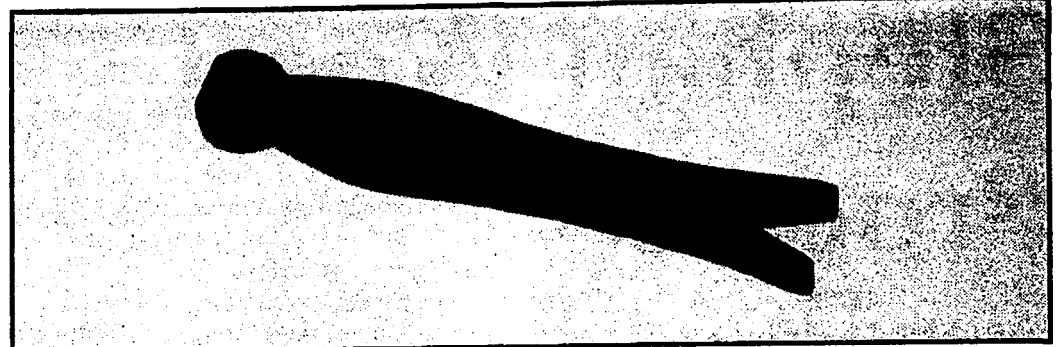
During these four or five years, archery legend Fred Bear was beginning his early attempts at producing archery equipment at the M-72 West address, now know as Fred Bear Drive.

To provide working capital and to enable Fred Bear to keep his workers employed and paid, Bear also produced cabinets for RCA, Zenith and other radio manufacturers. Bear

would subcontract much of these orders to Stephan Wood Products when he had sufficient archery orders to keep his employees busy.

Because both companies were in their infancies and were struggling to make ends meet, there were many times when Bear would make a payment to Stephan Wood Products for work completed and ask the check be held for a period of time to assure adequate funds were available to cover the draft. It was pretty much this "hand to mouth" atmosphere which surrounded the early days of both Bear Archery and Stephan Wood Products.

About 1948 or 1949, the demand for orders had outgrown the space



Necessity was definitely the mother of invention for Alva Stephan when he designed this "square" clothespin for his wife, Ellen, back in 1945. A shortage of clothespins during World War II prompted Alva to make some for his wife. Thus, the birth of Stephan Wood Products Company.

provided by the icehouse and it became clear a much larger building, with more lumber storage capacity, be found.

Herbert E. Stephan (March 13, 1907 to April 19, 1981) had been working with his brother, Alva, and friend Swendner, since 1947 after leaving employment at Camp Grayling where he had been working during the war years, from 1940 through 1946. To satisfy the increased needs for a larger building, Herbert, or Herb as he was most commonly called, became a partner with Alva and Swendner in 1947, using the sale of prime AuSable River property as collateral for the partnership. With this financial arrangement, the original building was erected and the business name of "Stephan Wood Products Company, specialty wood-working" was officially established.

The original item, the clothespin, soon became a memory and was replaced with orders for packing blocks for the Bulldog Electric Company in Detroit. Orders from brokers, for wooden components used by the Argus Camera Company for their Argus C3 camera cases were filled by the thousands over the years, from 1950 through the 1960s.

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Stephan Wood Products also produced thousands of feet of picture frame moulding, causing the partners to build a 7,200-square foot addition to the plant to accommodate orders in 1962. (Records show a second addition to the building sometime in 1956 of about 2,320 square feet.) The plant now measured about 12,400 square feet.

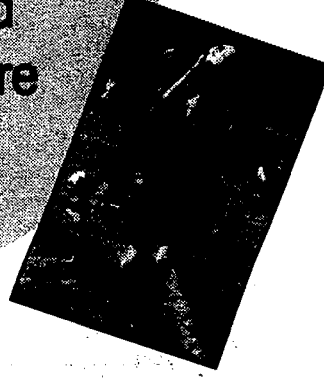
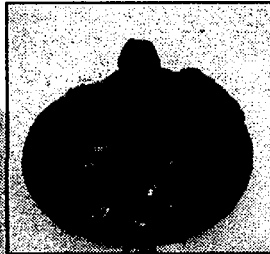
Midwest Folding Products, manufacturers of school products such as chalkboard molding, easel stands, and hot lunch folding tables, was a mainstay beginning in the 1950s and continuing through much of the 1960s.

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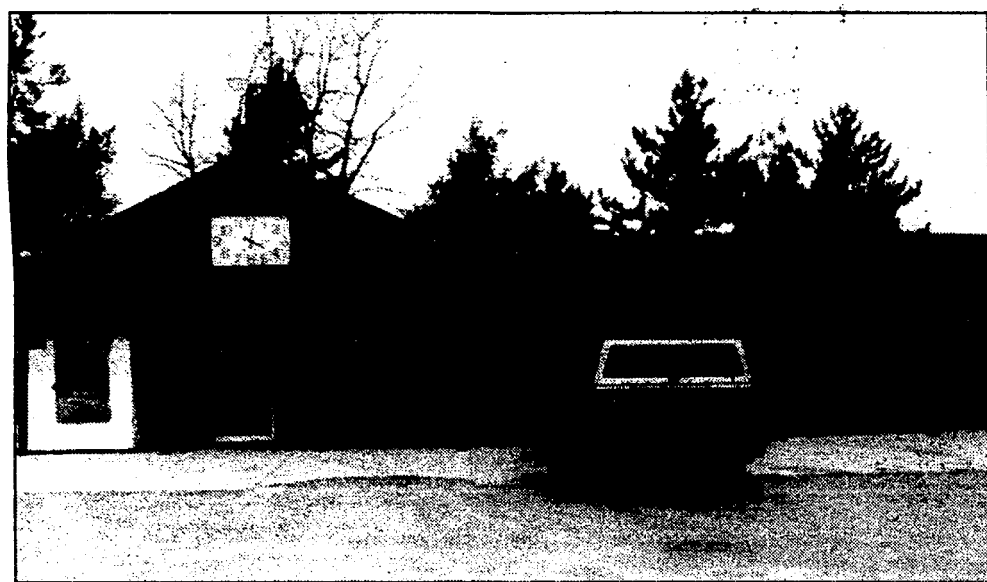
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In January of 1971 Larry & Joan Mattis opened a general store named after them and began to supply groceries and refreshments to full time residents, weekenders and tourists.

The building had already seen lengthy service because about 18 years before that Carl Kellogg built it and opened a restaurant.

Five years later he added a small grocery store and leased out the restaurant. In 1960 he converted the entire structure into the grocery store. Which he sold to the Mattis' in 1971.

A 12 foot by 40 foot addition to the store in 1975 housed the liquor supply when their license was obtained and other new lines of groceries. The philosophy of the pair was to keep the store well stocked and the prices reasonable so that the people in the area did not find it necessary to travel all of the way into Grayling to pick up the items.

Through the years Larry & Joan's have expanded their inventory to include, groceries, snacks, refreshments, juices, liquor, wine, beer, video's, magazines, books, trading cards, phone cards, fax & copy service, fishing & hunting licenses, Wakeley Lake Passes, etc. , etc.

"DuBois Is And Always Has Been Service"

DuBois Lumber, formerly the Rasmussen Lumber Company has been serving the residents of Crawford County since Sam Rasmussen purchased the Old Grayling House many years ago and converted the boarding house into the office and storage building for his lumber company.

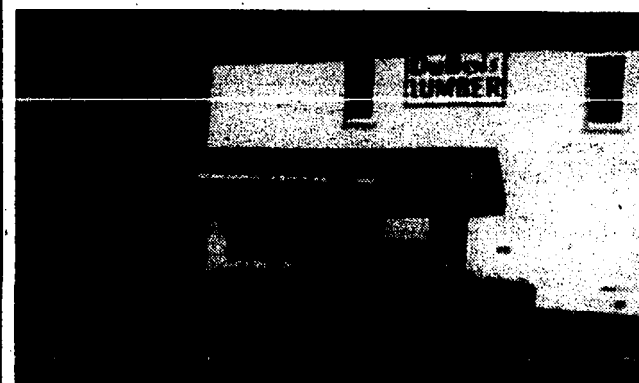
Richard (Dick) DuBois purchased the lumber company in 1955, and renamed the business DuBois Lumber. DuBois operated the company until his retirement in 1978, and he sold the business to Dave and Jill Wyman.

In 1984, Wyman moved one of the storage buildings across Norway street adjacent to the railroad tracks, built a two-story storage building and constructed the new showroom and office complex. This project consolidated the entire DuBois Lumber operation on the south side of Norway Street.

In May of 1990, Kelly and Shelly Elmy purchased the lumber company from the Wymans. They have continued to improve and expand the business to what it is today, and feel they have been fortunate to receive tremendous local support from this community.

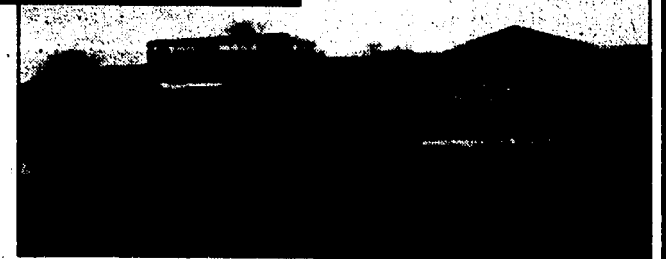
DuBois Lumber Company is committed to offering its customers quality products and excellent service.

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**DuBois Before
The Move In
1984**

**DuBois
Present
Location**



**DuBois
Lumber**

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Grayling**

Stephan cont'd

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During this period, product shipments to Midwest Folding Products in Chicago, Illinois were accomplished with Stephan Wood Products' company-owned truck, making two trips per week from Grayling to Chicago at the peak of the ordering.

With the involvement in the Korean War, and later in Asia during the Vietnam era, orders were filled for the federal government for splints -- both arm and leg splints. The orders will filled by the "hundred thousand dozen" per order at a time. It is believed the splints were not utilized by our fighting troops... at least not all of them. Some were also dispensed to Civil Defense Shelters.

About 1953, Edward A. Lowrie became a partner in the company when he purchased Swendner's

shares. Lowrie helped finance the west end addition of the building and provided the needed services of bookkeeper and job bid estimator. He served the company until the early 1960s when he sold his shares back to Alva and Herbert.

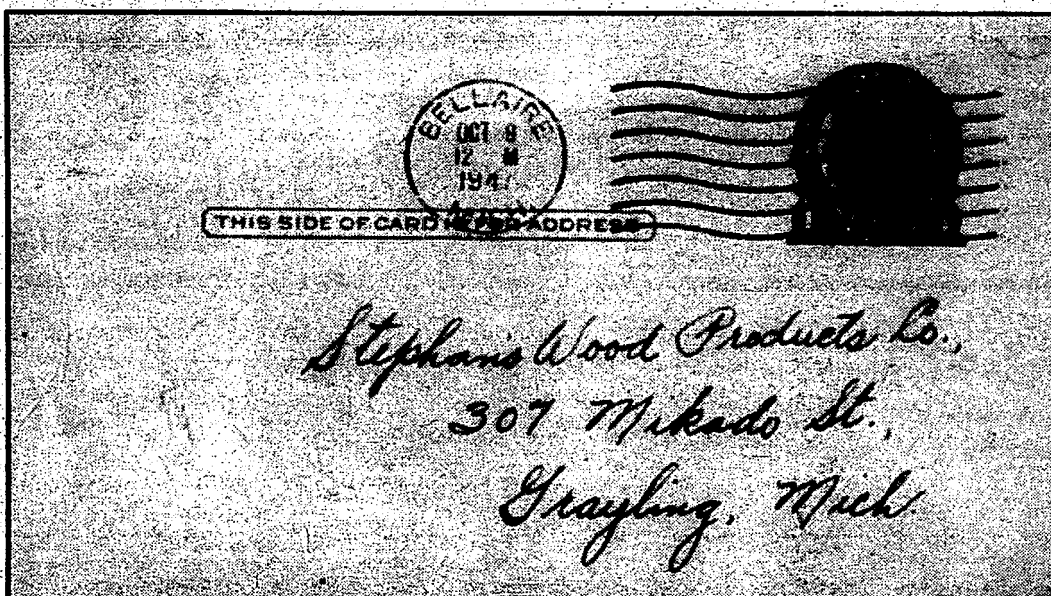
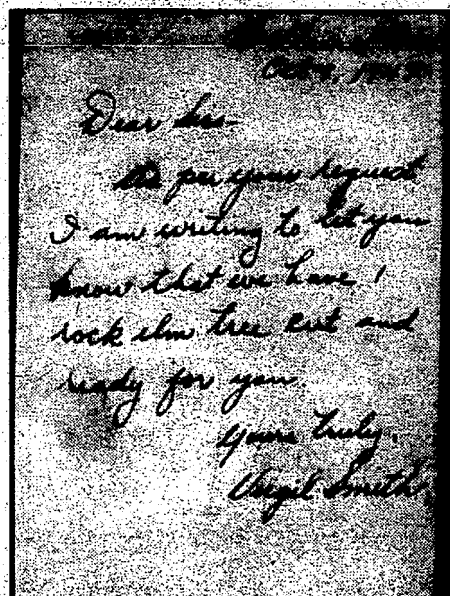
Over the years, the small wood specialty company employed a variety of family members and friends, providing everyone with a decent standard of living.

In 1973, the brothers -- Herb now age 66 and Alva age 62 -- sold the company to Francis Tenbusch who has owned and operated it ever since, with the help of his sons James and Joseph.

The company continues to make specialty products using the highest quality wood available, with an emphasis on truck accessories.



Ed Lowrey, Pete Stephan, Herb Stephan

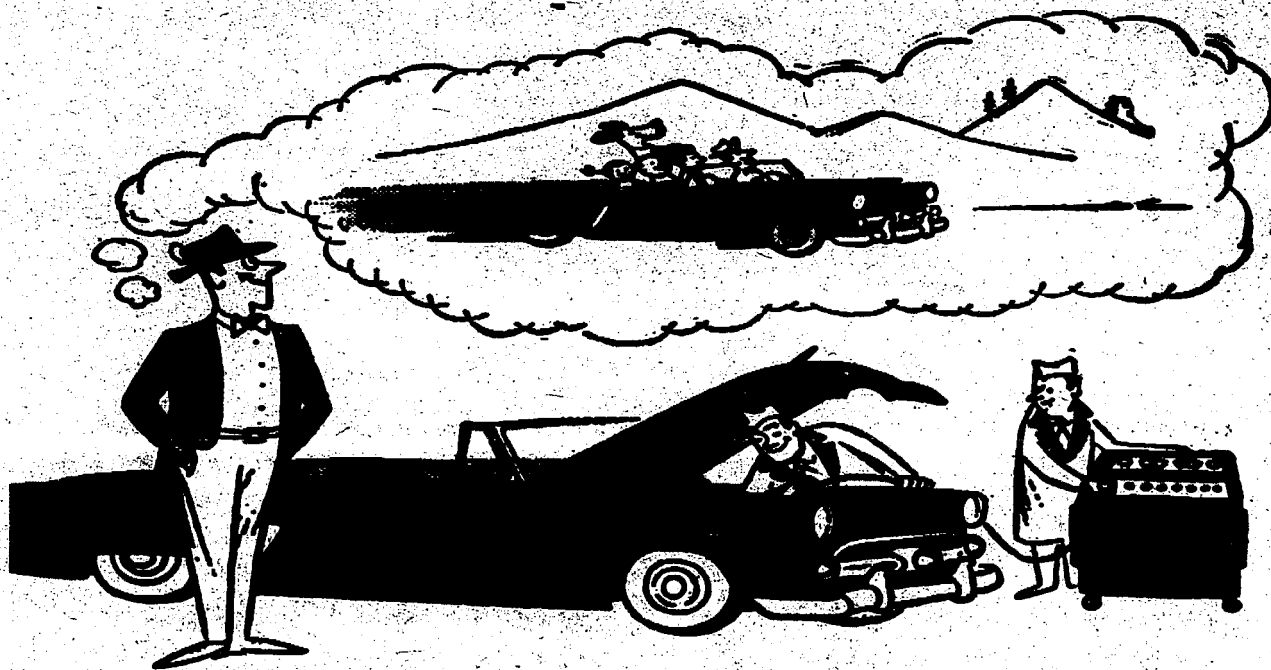


Quality wood was, and remains, the hallmark of Stephan Wood Products. The tree mentioned above was most likely used in the production of clothespins.



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At the peak of operations, the "drive" on the Big Manistee River aggregated a mind boggling 100,000,000 board feet annually.

As previously noted, the first logs to be removed were pine, a less dense wood which floated in water, with hardwood logging being deferred until later when railroads were available for transport. The timber was taken to the mills. Some lumber camps were therefore used twice, once for pine and later for hardwood. [Interview, Phebe Cotton, October 1999.]

1.11.4 Life in Camp

The average wage was about \$1 per day per man, plus board. Logging was an extremely dangerous occupation. Felix Van Coten, a lad of about twenty, was killed by a falling tree. Breaking up the rollways and riding logs to break log jams involved extreme danger even for the best of men.

... It was time to roll the logs into the river. The pile was large and something stuck.

A young lad, father described him as a likable young fellow and always willing, said he would go up and free the logs so he did. But the logs began to roll fast and he was pinned beneath and killed by the rolling logs. [Letter, Leo Laughlin, 21 July 1949.]

Food was of a heavy style, appropriate to the hard physical labor of the men. In addition to black and navy beans, potatoes, bread and meat were the main foods. Fresh vegetables were never plentiful. All baked foods were prepared in camp, with crackers the only baked goods sold in grocery stores. Dempsey's camps were known as especially good camps in which to eat.

Men living within camps endured unsanitary conditions both in logging and wood camps. Lice said to be "as large as driving horses" infected heavy woolen clothing. Bed bugs were prevalent. A common drinking cup was used, with water coming from an open pit well. Socks and damp clothing hung in rooms where men slept. Rooms were never warm in wintry mornings or evenings. A bit of free imagination conjures up an oppressive bunkhouse odor of stale tobacco smoke, musty clothes, sweaty bodies, and wood smoke in an all pervading aroma characteristic of a steady diet of beans.

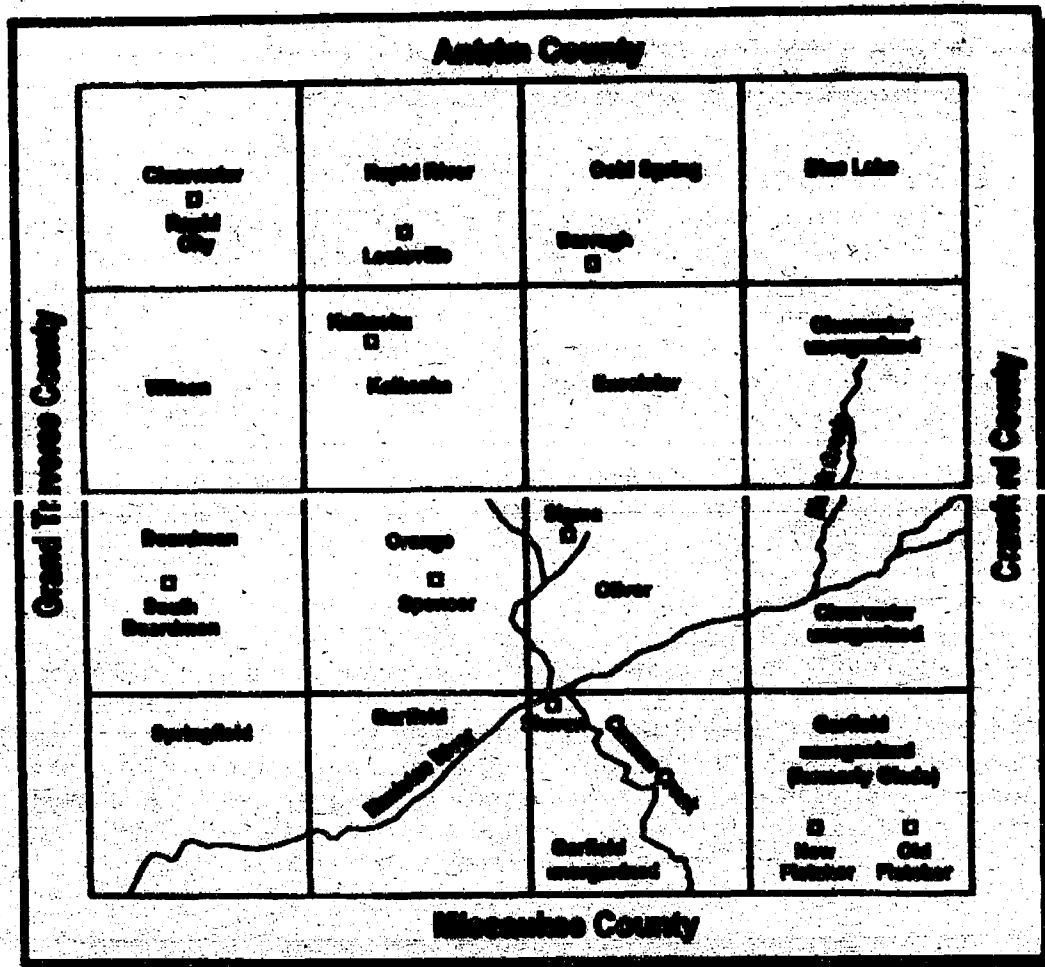
Most family men did not take their families with them to the lumber camps. Usually, only the blacksmith's, cook's and such families followed the camps.

A man with a team of horses usually received \$2 a day and board for team and himself. Horses were fed hay and streetcar feed which consisted of mixed, whole oats and cracked corn furnished by the company. Preferred horses were heavy breeds such as Belgians or Percherons for teams used for hauling logs to various railroad grounds and to the Manistee River in the township north of Glade.

1.13 Decline and Death of the Old Fletcher Settlement

In 1891 a severe frost occurred in July, freezing all vegetables except for turnips. [Letter, Lura Noble Puffer, 21 April 1949.]

These late spring, summer and early fall frosts, in combination with the infertile sandy soils and insufficient rainfall, destroyed the early settlers' dreams of farming the jack pine plains. In addition, the greatest



Map of Kalkaska County

source of income for many was derived from cutting stove-length wood used in wood-burning locomotives and from other logging related activities. When logging operations diminished, demand disappeared. This combination of events soon forced the early settlers either to leave the plains and settle in the more fertile hardwood sections more suitable to crop farming, or to leave the area entirely. Most left.

Farms, one by one, were abandoned. All traces of homes which the pioneers of early Glade had built with such confidence and anticipation and which had seen love, kindness, neighborliness, poverty, heartache

and death, were removed by fires and time. By the 1950's, only old cellars, half filled with soil and debris, or well pits were left as a reminder of the homes of the brave and hardy families.

When the timber was all cut away, and the farmer realized he could not make a living on his homestead, all the farms were deserted and the buildings stood like ghosts on a number of those barren plains for many a year. [Letter, Nora Baker Lewis, May 1949.]

After abandonment of the early Fletcher settlement, the new community in the hardwood section farther west adopted the same name.



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